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Borough Council To Examine Police, PHS Parking Issues

Borough Council was scheduled to review staffing within the Princeton Borough Police Department at its meeting on Tuesday night, including the possibility of adding a third lieutenant's position to the force.

A report submitted by Borough Administrator Bob Bruschi recommends that the Borough establish a fourth administrative position to take the place of the captain's position vacated by Anthony Federico when he took over for former Chief Chuck Davall at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Bruschi recommended that rather than reinstate the captain's position, the Borough should promote one of the current sergeants to third lieutenant. Titled "administrative lieutenant," this individual would work with the current operations and patrol lieutenants.

Mr. Bruschi justified the promotion as a response to the need for adequate supervision of the 28 officers on the force, and the fact that both of the current lieutenants, as well as Chief Federico, are expected to retire within the next two years.

"I believe that one of the major challenges that we will face over the next several years is cuing up the future leaders of the department and giving them enough time in leadership roles to be able to lead the department when their time comes," said Mr. Bruschi in his report.

Included in the report was a comparison chart between the Borough and Township's police departments, showing that in 2004 the Borough had 20,528 calls for service compared to the Township's 17,091, almost a 20 percent difference. It also shows that the Borough had significantly more DUIs, liquor law violations, disorderly conduct violations, and adult arrests.

Council was also scheduled to hold a public hearing Tuesday night on the parking permit system that was implemented at Princeton High School last fall.

While in previous months Princeton Regional Board of Education President Anne Burns had said that she was going to ask both the Borough and Township to change the permit parking hours to end at 3 p.m., rather than the current 6 p.m., Ms. Burns is now only asking

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SUMMER IN PRINCETON: One place to beat the heat last Saturday was at the Community Park Pool.

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Library Numbers Are Growing

There has been a 22 percent increase in the number of cardholders at the Princeton Public Library since last spring, equivalent to more than 5,000 new members, according to a recent report from the library's Board of Trustees.

There are a total of 28,241 active cardholders, and approximately 2,500 visitors on a daily basis, Library Director Leslie Burger reported at the July 19 meeting.

The total circulation of library items has also increased almost 45 percent since last year, and the size of the collection has grown more than 9 percent.

In addition, the library has taken in \$20,000 more than anticipated in fines this spring, \$1,300 more in lost material charges, \$7,000 more in rental fees and usage charges, and \$2,000 more in meeting room rental fees.

This financial report was drawn up in part because the Borough had requested information regarding use of the Spring Street garage by library patrons since its opening last spring. Both the Borough and Township pay for the library to offer up to two hours free parking at the garage to library cardholders, and Borough Council members have questioned whether the distribution of parking costs between the two entities was fair.

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The library has found that in July 2004, 20 percent of the library's parking validations were for Borough residents, and 75 percent were for Township residents. By October it was 28 percent Borough and 72 percent Township.

In 2004, the Borough paid \$29,000 toward free parking for library patrons, and the Township paid \$71,000, which, according to recent library data, agrees with the percentage of library patrons using the facility and the garage from

each municipality.

Ms. Burger attributed the lower number of Borough residents to the Borough's large number of Princeton University students, who are more likely to use their library on campus.

Overall, the number of walk-in patrons has also increased since last spring, with a total of 223,662 users between April and June of this year, up 84 percent from last year. This is in part due to the library's transition from the old facility to the new one last April.

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Residents Have Misgivings About Ewing Street Walkway

Township Committee allowed for numerous sidewalk repairs at last week's meeting, but one plan for a walkway on Ewing Street did not sit well with some residents.

The \$43,500 construction plan, approved unanimously by Committee, allows for sidewalks on both sides of Ewing Street between Valley Road and Guyot Avenue. Some residents, however, turned out in opposition, saying a sidewalk was not necessary on that part of the roadway. They also worried that any subsequent road-widening would speed up traffic.

Speaking for her son, who owns a residence on Ewing Street, Julie Miller said that many neighbors did not want two sidewalks. "I haven't talked to anybody who wants sidewalks on both sides of the street," she said, adding that Ewing residents have been "forced" into coming to terms with the Township plan.

Ms. Miller also worried that the sidewalk installation would "detace" the properties affected by the plan.

Ewing Street resident Donna Pilenzza said she would have rethought an

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here to help you," Ms. Allen said. "But the first step is learning how to protect yourself. You need to be very careful."

For more information on identity theft, visit the Department's Web site at www.njdoi.org.

— Meredith Lepore

125715 Identity Theft Discussed At Senior Resource Center

At a recent discussion of identity theft at the Princeton Senior Resource Center, Jan Allen of the New Jersey Department of Banking & Insurance described one of the most common scams. A phone call from an "Investigation company" claims that a business has been making illegal purchases on the victim's credit card; the investigator asks for the full name, address, and the security number on the victim's credit card so the problem can be corrected. If the information is given, the theft has worked.

The fastest growing crime in the country and the subject of the July 4 cover story for Newsweek, identity theft is particularly devastating, Ms. Allen said, because a person's complete financial profile can be stolen and the chance of these cases being solved is very slim.

The discussion began with the presentation of a video entitled "Let's Go Phishing," "phishing" being defined as what identity thieves do when they impersonate investigators or send fake e-mails encouraging people to give them their personal information. Ms. Allen showed a fraudulent e-mail claiming to be from the PayPal company. Used with eBay customers, the e-mail included both the PayPal and eBay logos and suggested that the victim's PayPal account needed to be updated with additional personal information. Ms. Allen said that though these scam artists might be "technically brilliant," they often make blatant grammatical errors that indicate the e-mail is fraudulent. She also said to remember that most companies would never alert you about something important through e-mail.

Ms. Allen also advised the Princeton seniors not to carry too many credit cards, or their social security card, or other identification documents unless necessary. In addition, she suggested that they remove themselves from mailing and telephone lists, that they get off the phone as soon as possible with people asking for personal information, and that they simply "be cautious." She referred to this hyperawareness as a "healthy amount of paranoia."

The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance made similar presentations to nearly 10,000 people throughout the state in 2004. "It's a big problem and we're

125715 Topics In-Brief: A Community Bulletin

On Thursday, July 28, the **Zoning Amendment Review Committee** of the Regional Planning Board will hold a hearing to discuss proposed changes to Princeton Township's residential standards.

The **Princeton Regional Board of Education's Finance Committee** will hold a meeting on Monday, August 1, at 4:15 p.m., at the Valley Road building to discuss financial concerns for the upcoming school year, as well as budgetary matters. The Board's **Facilities Committee** will convene on Wednesday, August 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the Valley Road building to discuss the progress of construction on the five schools in the district, as well as other matters related to the school opening this fall. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m. at John Witherspoon Middle School.

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Road Paving Update: Alexander Street, between Dickinson Place and Mercer will be closed between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. until further notice. The Great Road between Stuart Road and Cherry Valley Road will be closed between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. until further notice. Stuart Road will remain open to provide access to Princeton Day School. Drivers are asked to detour using Cherry Valley Road to Cherry Hill Road to Route 206 to Mountain Avenue and back to the Great Road; **Snowden Lane** will remain closed between Overbrook Drive and Franklin Avenue between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., as will the section of **Snowden** between Franklin Avenue and Rollingmead. Drivers are asked to detour from Franklin Avenue to Levitt Lane to Hamilton Avenue; **Clearview Avenue** and **Grover Avenue**, between Clearview and Franklin, will be closed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for repairs until further notice. **Autumn Hill Road**, and **Philip Drive** — south of Riverside Drive — will remain closed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Repairs on **Lovers Lane** and **Edgerstoune Road** have been completed, as has the paving of Woods Way, Beech Hill Circle, and Crooked Tree Lane.

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THE MAN BEHIND THE CAMERA: Ben Saltzman, a recent graduate of Princeton High School who will be attending New York University this fall as a film student, entered his short film, "A Dark and Stormy Night," in the Princeton Public Library's Student Film & Video Festival. Fifteen student films that were selected by the library's Teen Film Committee will be screened on Thursday, at 7 p.m., in the library's first floor Community Room.

Teens Show Off Their Talents At Library's Student Film Festival

More than a dozen short films by teenage filmmakers will be screened at the second annual Student Film & Video Festival at the Princeton Public Library this Thursday evening.

The festival, which is co-sponsored by the Arts Council of Princeton, concludes a summer film series at the

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comedy to serious documentary. The student films were submitted by both local and out-of-state teens.

The films that will be shown were selected by the Princeton Teen Film Committee from at least 30 submissions, said Susan Conlon, teen services librarian. The committee was composed of local high school students, a film historian, and representatives of the Princeton Public Library and the Arts Council of Princeton. This is the second year the library has sponsored the event.

The selected films will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the first floor Community Room. The teen filmmakers have been invited to attend, and they will answer questions and talk about their films to the audience.

"We received about three times as many films this year and are happy to once again provide the opportunity and space for teens to screen their work to an audience," said Ms. Conlon.

One of the teens who will be showing his film on Thursday is Ben Saltzman, a recent graduate of Princeton High School. Ben's film, *A Dark and Stormy Night*, is

only 2 minutes and 32 seconds long. The length of his film, however, is what he felt made it a potential submission not only for the library's film festival, but also others around the country.

"My film is short and concise, with a laugh at the end.... I really think this is a tight package," he said, adding that the film needed to be short in order to keep

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the audience's attention.

He described *A Dark and Stormy Night* as a long commercial about a secret agent who wakes up in the middle of the night with a craving for milk, only to discover she doesn't have any in her house. To satisfy her craving, she breaks into her neighbor's house, in what develops as both an action and comedy sequence.

When asked where he got the idea, he said: "It just came to me."

In order to make his film, Ben auditioned actresses from New York City for the leading role, and searched for a musician to create the soundtrack. As a student he didn't have a lot of money to pay those who assisted him, but he said that providing sifting with their travelling expenses seemed to make up for it.

The film was shot in three days in the homes of his parents and his neighbors. Most of the shoot went smoothly, except for when the fog machine triggered the smoke alarm. However, he added, his parents are very supportive of his work: "They're very much into it.... They've helped me out in so many different ways."

A Wealth of Experience

Ben, who already has business cards advertising him as the director/cinema-

tographer for Saltzman Productions, will be a freshman and was able to meet other high school and college students with an interest in film. Following the student film screening at the library on Thursday, Ben will be heading to San Diego for the weekend to visit a friend that he met through the program and to go to the Best Fest America, one of three film festivals in which his film will be screened over the weekend.

When asked when he first took an interest in cinematography, he said: "I got a video camera in eighth grade and it just went from there."

Ben said he started by making "experimental films" at home with his friends. He then enrolled in a film course at Princeton High School with Charles Gallagher, who encouraged him and assisted him with some of his work.

And while his most recent film is complete and the soon-to-be freshman could take this summer to relax before the real work begins, he would rather spend it creating a video of clips from a recent class trip to Japan with his Japanese teacher and fellow classmates. He also recently helped a professor at Princeton University edit a film on a world religions symposium in Spain.

As if that isn't enough, Ben recently had a job filming a wedding and is interning for the summer at NJN (New Jersey Public Television and Radio), where he has assisted editing film in a professional editing program, and has gone on a shoot in Asbury Park.

Interested in architecture, Ben has interned in the field, which he says can be of value in filmmaking because it helps him to find the best way to design a set and the whole look of a film.

"You have to start when you're young," said Ben, who has also participated in a 6-week summer filmmaking camp at Princeton University offered by the New York Film Academy.

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Stretching is important during your warm-up because it increases blood flow to the muscles. But stretching during your cool-down may be even more important. After running, stretching helps to remove lactic acid from the muscle, which in turn reduces muscle soreness. While stretching can promote flexibility, stretching too far actually can damage the muscles particularly if you're recovering from an injury. If you are in need of physical therapy services, call THE REHABILITATION CENTER at 732-329-1181. We are located at 155 Raymond Rd. (Buckingham Place Facility). We offer day, evening and Saturday hours.

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She recalled that she would pick up a book and figure out the story by examining the illustrations: "Some people look at the beginning or the end of a book: I look at the illustrations."

An artist, writer, and art historian, Ms. Siroka recently combined her talents by writing and illustrating a book, *Maddalena*, the first in a trilogy set in 16th-century Rome.

Ms. Siroka chose to focus on the Catholic Inquisition, not only because of the 2,000 years of history that Rome

deep in history and culture,"

Ms. Siroka, 55, is now celebrating her fortieth year living in the United States. She and her family came here from communist Czechoslovakia.

The story is based on Allesandro Farnese, the Vatican's most powerful cardinal at the time. Although he apparently had many mistresses and an affair with a 16-year-old boy, the lack of documentation about the women in his life led the author to mix factual details with fiction to tell her story.

"I wanted to create my own heroine," said Ms. Siroka, which she did through the character of Maddalena, one of Allesandro's mistresses.

In her story, Maddalena, the

"I'm celebrating the privilege of coming to this country to Catholicism, she tries. It opened up a world that becomes Allesandro's mistress, but is condemned to in a communist country."

death when their relationship is discovered. After her life is saved, she becomes a healer and a "noble spirit."

"It's fiction bordering on fable," said Ms. Siroka, adding that she wanted to create an extremely powerful heroine.

Most women of the time were "instruments of men," said the author, adding that they were made to be pious and obedient mothers and wives.

"They lived in a way that many of us never would have wanted to live," she said.

The original manuscript ran to more than 1,000 pages: "I spent a lot of time editing it, because I wanted a lot of people to read it and enjoy it."

Ms. Siroka incorporates many different aspects of Rome at the time into her book, including the arts, music, culture, religion, and science.

While the character of Maddalena is mostly fictional, much of the book is based on fact, said Ms. Siroka.

"I spent an inordinate amount of time checking and cross-checking facts.... My book is much more than a love story," she said, adding that several chapters discuss the wars between Catholics and Protestants. Religion is "the thread that binds together the history of 16th century Rome," said the author.

A Work in Progress

The story of *Maddalena* has been in the works for the last 40 years, said Ms. Siroka, who has seen, studied, and lived in many places, including Rome itself.

Born in Bratislava, a city

chased at Image Arts in the Princeton Shopping Center.

Along with her writing, she is also an artist, and has had exhibitions in galleries and privately-sponsored shows in Canada.

In her home many of her

works are framed and hanging on the wall. *Maddalena* also features many of her

illustrations.

Ms. Siroka said that she

mostly learned how to draw

and paint by studying masters

like Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo: "I simply copied their paintings until I learned to draw like them."

When asked whether she

prefers writing or painting,

Ms. Siroka said she most

enjoys her role as an artist.

"It's a process that's faster and more satisfying," she said, adding that she can work on a painting day and night for four to six weeks and be finished, but writing a book is a much more involved process.

The drawings in *Maddalena* were created in pen and ink with a quill pen, and then filled in with watercolors. Limited edition copies of Ms. Siroka's prints can be pur-

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MADDALENA



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"**MADDALENA**": Eva Jana Siroka's recently published book, "Maddalena," was entirely illustrated by the author with a quill pen and watercolors. The cover features her depiction of the title character.

(Photo courtesy of Eva Siroka and Sempre Books)

various times of the year.

The garden is an extension of herself, like her art and her book: "The book was like everything I do in my life; it started out as a blank canvas."

Maddalena is available at local bookstores, as well as at Barnes & Noble and Borders. For more information on the author or her works, visit www.EvaSiroka.com.

— Candace Braun

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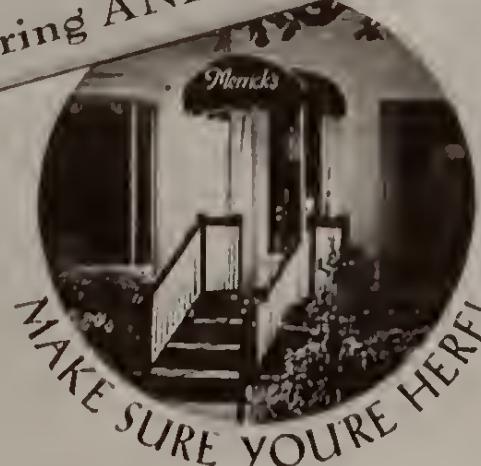
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RIVER-FRIENDLY: Jasna Polana was recently recognized by The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association with the first River-Friendly Golf Course Certification. Shown here are Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association's River-Friendly Program staff members Peggy Savage (far left) and Amy Weaver, who observe as Jim Waltman, the executive director of the Watershed, present the award to Jasna Polana Superintendent Roger Stewart, and General Manager John Buser.

125779 Jasna Polana Is Recognized For Conservation Practices

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association recently presented its first River-Friendly Golf Course Certification to the Tournament Players Club (TPC) at Jasna Polana.

Jim Waltman, executive director of the Watershed Association, presented Superintendent Roger Stewart and General Manager John Buser with the River-Friendly certification in recognition of Jasna Polana's environmental stewardship.

Jasna Polana was originally built in the early 1970s as a summer home of J. Seward Johnson and his wife, Barbara. The decision to convert the estate into a world-class championship golf and social club was made by Barbara Piasecka Johnson after Jasna Polana was no longer being used as the family's primary residence.

TPC at Jasna Polana submitted a preliminary application for certification in the program's initiation in the spring of 2002, and became the first golf course to participate in the program. TPC and the Watershed Association have been working together to identify practices to reduce the impact of the golf course on local water resources since that time.

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is a grams are funded by the non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving water quality and the natural environment in the Watershed Grants Program.

TPC at Jasna Polana has worked with the the Watershed Association to develop and implement course management practices that reduce the impact of its golf course on local water resources. Some goals and accomplishments of the course include: reduced chemical usage through continued implementation of their integrated pest management plan, increased vegetative buffers along stream banks, updated irrigation system to increase water conservation, and posted educational signs on the course to highlight their efforts.

"We are very pleased today to officially certify TPC as Jasna Polana as a partner in our River-Friendly Program," said Mr. Waltman. "Jasna Polana is demonstrating that it is possible to reduce its impact on the environment while maintaining a championship golf course."

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125180 Jack Washington's Journey Reveals Myths Linked With Black Community

For Jack Washington the last stretch of his journey documenting one of the oldest communities in Princeton's history has been a long time coming.

During the three-year Princeton University fellowship that culminated in his book, *The Long Journey Home*, Dr. Washington, a history teacher at Trenton Central High School, found that while the Princeton black experience has been a journey through hardships and setbacks, as well as accomplishments and progress, certain myths have become part of the story along the way.

The general idea is that much of the black community arrived in Princeton as slaves to work on Princeton's then Virginia-style plantations, or as house servants to residents. But that's not necessarily the case, as outlined in Dr. Washington's book, which was funded by a research grant through the African-American Studies Department at the University, and sponsored by recently-retired Professor Nell Painter.

The fact is that while slaves and freed slaves were present in the origins of Princeton's black community, others arrived as community leaders, entrepreneurs, and even, at least early on, as students at the University.

In hopes of "debunking" the myths of the community's black origins, Dr. Washington recently shared his findings with a full house at the Princeton Public Library's Community Room.

And while the neighborhood speaks volumes, or, in Dr. Washington's case, one volume, it took more than a bit of digging to unearth the final product.

"You've really got to dig hard: I started with every book in all the libraries in this area that related to Princeton." Those libraries, Dr. Washington said, included the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The Library of Congress was difficult to navigate, Dr. Washington said: "They have millions and millions of documents, and one microfiche might have 25,000 pages on it," leaving the researcher with a mass of raw data that filled a whole room in his Ewing house.

"This became an obsession, and if you're not going to be obsessed about it, you shouldn't even try it," he said.

The story of Princeton's black history began emerging only after an "exhaustive search" that brought Dr. Washington to the University's Firestone Library for days at a time.

It soon became clear, he said, that the black community was not established post-Civil War, but in the pre-Colonial era. In fact, Witherspoon Street's early name, "African Lane," dates back to Colonial times, discrediting the notion that the town's black origins are based in the Civil War era.

Dr. Washington also discovered that when Woodrow Wilson was president of the University, his ideas on integration in education were regressive compared to those of President John Witherspoon a century before.

In addition to examining and correcting myths of the black community, Dr. Washington's book also looks at the 20th century growth of commercial and residential activity in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood: from the 1902 James Margerum purchase of parts of Hulfish, John, and Jackson streets, to Griggs' corner, to the numerous black-owned shops and businesses that thrived independently of what was available "uptown" on Nassau Street.

Upon the book's release last November, Dr. Washington said he was humbled by his journey through Princeton's black history: "When I first took this project, I thought this would be a little, small story about a small community and I didn't think it would go far." And the journey, he said, still continues.

—Matthew Hersh

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MORAN AVENUE HOUSE ABLAZE ON A BLAZING HOT DAY: Things were hot enough in Princeton last week. Then a fire broke out in a Moran Avenue duplex. Leif Skodnick and David Schrayer were among the firefighters battling the high heat and humidity as well as the blaze.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

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Volunteers Sought For Local Emergency Response Team

The Princeton Regional Health Department, in partnership with the Princeton Borough and Township Police Departments, and Offices of Emergency Management, are working together to develop a Community Emergency Response Team. The Health Department will provide the initial CERT training and follow up volunteer coordination will be provided by the Township police force in consultation with the Borough Police Chief.

CERT is part of the Citizen Corps, a national volunteer program that creates opportunities for individuals to volunteer as community partners with first responder organizations such as fire departments, police departments, and medical personal. The goal is to have a trained group of volunteer citizens who will work alongside, and under the direction of, emergency responders to help make their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to handle disasters of all kinds.

CERT training consists of 20 hours of instruction over an eight week period. The training will include sessions on disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, disaster psychology and team organization, and terrorism. The program is scheduled to begin late September or early October.

Volunteers must be over the age of 18 to participate and will need to fill out a confidential questionnaire that will be available only to local emergency management officials. Interested applicants who are residents of Princeton Borough and Township should call 497-7608 for further information or to request an application. The application can also be found at www.princetonboro.org.

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Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department reports the following activity between July 19 and July 25:

The Department answered calls for false or malfunctioning fire and carbon monoxide alarm systems on Mercer Street, Winfield Road, Bayard Lane, Wendover Drive, Nassau Street (5 locations), Princeton University's campus, and Battle Road Circle.

Crews also responded for electrical wires down and/or arcing on Prospect Avenue and Woodside Lane.

On the afternoon of July 18, Engine 63, Tower 62, and Special Services 62 responded to a Mt. Lucas Road business after a suspicious white powder was found in an envelope. The hazardous materials teams from Trenton and Bristol Myers Squibb were also called to the scene to assess the powder which was found to be harmless.

On the afternoon of July 19, a firefighter at the Chestnut Street fire station noticed heavy smoke in the area. A quick check of the area led him to find a working fire at a duplex apartment building at 31 Moran Avenue, which eventually spread to 29 Moran Avenue. Upon arrival at that location, an occupant of the building was seen to be throwing things from the second story window while talking on the telephone as smoke poured out of the window. That resident was told to leave the building after it was determined that she was not trapped in her apartment.

An initial interior attack was slowed by difficult access to the third floor and by the heavy fire that was beginning to breach the roof as well as by the extreme heat of the day. Once the fire had broken through the roof in several locations, crews were pulled from the interior of the building and a brief exterior attack was initiated to knock the bulk of the fire down. Crews were then sent back inside to complete extinguishing the fire in the complex's roof system. Though it took well over an hour to bring the fire under control, the damage was contained mostly on the third floor, however there was extensive damage to both residences. Mutual aid companies from Kingston, Rocky Hill, Hopewell, West Windsor, Lawrenceville, Princeton Junction, and Montgomery were on scene to provide

much needed relief to crews working in the extreme heat and humidity. Crews were working on scene for four hours, and four firefighters were treated on scene for minor injuries.

Despite excessive heat and humidity on Monday, an elderly couple went on their daily walk around Princeton. Toward the end of their 3-4 mile journey, the 79 year-old husband became short of breath. The Squad was dispatched and arrived to find the man profusely sweating and very pale. The crew quickly moved the man into the air-conditioned ambulance and administered oxygen. He was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

Early in the morning of July 24, Engine 61 responded to a Journeys End Lane residence for an odor of electrical burning. The cause of the odor was determined to be a burned out fan motor.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country. The mission of the Department is to protect life and property for the citizens of Princeton Borough and Township, and Princeton University from the threat of fire or emergency disasters. The Department is always looking for more members to join. If interested, call (609) 497-7645, or (609) 731-1314.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 52 calls from July 16 through July 22. Twenty-six were located in Princeton Township, 24 in Princeton Borough, and four were to neighboring communities. Included in these numbers were three calls to Princeton University.

At approximately 10:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, the Squad was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Quaker Road in the vicinity of the Institute for Advanced Study. The crew arrived to find that a compact car had crashed head-on into a telephone pole. The driver, who was alone in the car, was sitting in the roadway as the crew approached the scene. Fortunately, the driver had been wearing his seat belt when he swerved to avoid a deer that had suddenly stepped into the car's path. Although the driver escaped major injuries, he was placed in a cervical collar and on a backboard and transported to the hospital as a precaution for examination for head and neck injuries.

On Monday, July 18, the Squad responded with the Police and Fire Departments for a suspicious package with an unknown powder. Hazardous Materials units from Trenton also responded and

investigated the package. One individual was decontaminated as a precaution and transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for evaluation.

Despite excessive heat and humidity on Monday, an elderly couple went on their daily walk around Princeton. Toward the end of their 3-4 mile journey, the 79 year-old husband became short of breath. The Squad was dispatched and arrived to find the man profusely sweating and very pale. The crew quickly moved the man into the air-conditioned ambulance and administered oxygen. He was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

On Tuesday, July 19, the Squad responded with the Fire Department for a house fire on Moran Avenue. In addition to its ambulances, the Squad responded with its Technical Rescue truck to refill air bottles and its Special Services vehicle to monitor, rehabilitate, and rehydrate personnel on scene.

The latter services were in high-demand by the 50-plus firefighters on scene due to the extreme heat and humidity that day. For this reason, additional EMS units from West Windsor, Montgomery, and Plainsboro and a paramedic unit from Capital Health Systems were requested on scene. Fortunately, St. Paul's Church was able to open its multipurpose room, allowing personnel to rehabilitate and rehydrate inside an air-conditioned space. Although the EMS units treated several firefighters for heat-related complaints and minor injuries, none required transport to the hospital. Further details are provided in the Princeton Fire Department's "Fire Wre."

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to providing the community with emergency medical and technical rescue services. Anyone interested in making donations of time or money are encouraged to visit the Squad's Web site, at www.pfas.org, or call (609) 924-3338 for more information.

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Police Blotter

A wave of vandalism was reported by Township Police in the 400, 500, and 600 blocks of Mt. Lucas Road shortly after 1 a.m. on July 19. Approximately 12 mailboxes, three street signs, and two fences were damaged during the spree, committed by vandal(s) unknown. The mail boxes and street signs, including one mailbox valued at \$500, were either uprooted or pushed over.

The total cost of the damage is not known. The crimes are being investigated by Township Ptl. Christopher Kling.

Two Princeton residents and a Trenton man were taken into custody during the week on outstanding arrest warrants issued by courts in other New Jersey jurisdictions.

On July 21, shortly after midnight, Odorn P. Patterson, 32, of Trenton, was arrested on Stockton Street following a motor vehicle stop, on warrants from Trenton and Millstone Municipal Courts totaling \$724. He was turned over to the Trenton Police Department. Approximately four hours later, another stop for a traffic violation on Hulish Street led to the arrest of Sylvia A. Melvin, 51, of Clay Street, on warrants out of South Brunswick Municipal Court. Unable to post bail of \$1,360, she was turned over to the South Brunswick Police Department. And on July 23, Brian Garber, 39, of Bank Street, was turned over to the Plainsboro Police Department following his arrest on Nassau Street. A warrant for his arrest had been issued by the Plainsboro Municipal Court after he was convicted of urinating in public.

Two air conditioning condensers and a gas furnace, all new, were reported stolen from a house under construction in the 100 block of Hun Road. The equipment, valued at \$1,700, had been inside the house, which showed no signs of forced entry. Township Police believe the thefts took place on May 19 and July 22. They have no suspect(s).

One adult and four 16- and 17-year-old juveniles were arrested on July 22 at a Griggs Farm parking lot after Township Police observed them smoking marijuana. The four juveniles were turned over to their parents after processing. The adult, Ryan Alessandrini, 19, of William Livingston Court, Griggs Farm, was charged with being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance and released on his own recognizance.

Two drivers were arrested on Nassau Street on charges of driving while intoxicated: Bradley Kelly, 51, of Bethesda, Md., on July 22; and Arelio N. Lopez, 28, of Route 27 in Princeton on July 24. Both were released after being assigned court dates.

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— Irene Rhodes, Sayre Drive



"I don't know enough about him yet so I haven't decided. I think that I am scared about anyone Bush would nominate but this man is still an unknown quantity."

— Alexandra Roth, Poe Road



"I don't like him. I don't know much about him but the first thing I heard I don't like. He is an extremely conservative judge. He is very active in not simply interpreting the Constitution but trying to push certain parts. His wife is even more conservative than he is and usually the wife dominates." — Bruno Bosacchi, Princeton University



"I think that this decision was made on November of last year when the election was over. We should be relatively happy that this man is intelligent and apparently reasonable. We should save our ammunition for the next nominee." — Irwin Rosenblum, Governors Lane



"I think that he looks pretty good but I'm waiting to see what the committee will find out. I think that he will follow the Bush line and I am cautious about his Roe v. Wade issue and what he will ultimately say about that."

— Judith Tallerman, Wrangler Court

Ewing Street

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"extensive" addition to her home had she known sidewalks were going to abut the add-on. However, while she said she ultimately supported the sidewalks ("I have two young children"), she disagreed with the roadwidening.

"I'm really against widening the road: parents are rushing to get their children to John Witherspoon School or Princeton High School," she said. "It's really dangerous."

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand pointed out that a vote resulting from two meetings of residents on the street had concluded that they were in agreement on the current plan. Township Engineer Robert Kiser said that no large trees would have to be removed, although some shrubs would have to make way for the sidewalks.

Committee approved the measure, with the condition that the proposal could be amended in line with the concerns put forth by the residents.

Additional sidewalk installations approved by Committee include: a \$25,000 plan for sidewalk installation/repair on Sycamore Road with 50 percent of the cost assessed to residents; a \$35,000 plan for sidewalk installation/repair on the north side of Clearview Avenue between Grover Avenue and Harrison Street with 50 percent of the cost assessed to residents; and a \$33,625 plan to install, repair, or replace sidewalks on Grover Avenue with 50 percent of the cost assessed to residents.

Finally, the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee (PSOC) was given the go-ahead for a \$26,175 project to repair sewer laterals along Sycamore Road. Residents will be assessed for the entire cost. That plan is part of a six-year, \$13 million project aiming to improve sewer laterals throughout the Township and Borough, said PSOC's Robert Hough.

— Matthew Hersh

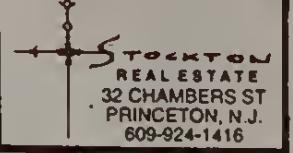
Nine Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported nine births to area residents during the week ending July 25.

Sons were born to Donna and Boris Estulin, Princeton, July 19; Joanna Ronelli and Bert Mandelbaum, Princeton, July 19; Beth Rota and Salvatore Calati, Princeton, July 21; Yoni Azucena Yuman and William Donis, Princeton, July 22; Jessica Umana and Cesar Calcedo, Princeton, July 22; Kimberly Dodson and Anthony Martin, Princeton, July 23; and Helde and Paul Olli, Princeton, July 24.

Daughters were born to Renata and Robert Piccione, Princeton July 18; and Deborah and James Richter, Princeton, July 18.

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that the Borough grant the district 10 permits in addition to the 70 now available for students.

Ms. Burns previously stated that the Board had changed its mind about asking the Borough and Township to change the permit hours as a result of opposition from members of Borough Council and Township Committee.

When the permit system was originally put into place last fall, the district only received a collective 60 permits from both municipalities, even though it had requested a total of 90. However, an additional 10 permits were granted during the school year, and if the Borough and Township give

the district final approval for 10 more permits from each one, the district will have the 90 permits it had originally sought.

The Borough's ordinance, which was created after years of complaints from both students and residents about parking problems around the high school, mandates that from September 1 through June 30 (excluding weekends and holidays), student parking is only available via permits on Borough portions of Walnut Lane and Guyot Avenue. Residents of the neighborhood are issued residential parking permits for street parking.

The Borough issues the permits at a cost of \$10 each, and students receive them through a lottery held by the district. Students who live in close proximity to the

school are excluded.

The Borough's ordinance was approved last year under a sunset clause, which meant that it had to be reviewed in a year's time and reapproved if it was to continue. The Township's ordinance is also set to be reviewed in the near future.

Council's meeting on Tuesday was held after Town Topics press time.

—Candace Braun

Watershed Hosts Butterfly Festival

The Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association will host its fifth annual butterfly festival on Saturday, August 13, from 10 am to 4 pm. The event is a celebration of New Jersey's native butterflies and will feature games and crafts for children, tours of the Kate

Gorrie Memorial Butterfly House, nature hikes, live music, and organic food from Brothers Moon Restaurant and Bent Spoon Ice Cream.

There will be demonstrations from environmentally friendly vendors such as Segway Human Transporters, Solar Sprint Cars, alternative fuel vehicles, solar power companies, PSE&G, and River-Friendly Residents' Programs. Some of the items that will be available for sale at the festival are: photographs of nature, solar products, native plants that attract butterflies, bird carvings, rain barrels and natural cosmetics.

Admission to the festival, which supports the butterfly house, is \$15 per car or \$5 per person. For additional information, call the Bunting Nature Center at (609) 737-7592.

The Stony Brook Millstone

Watershed Association is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to preserving water quality and the natural environment. In the 265 square mile area of central New Jersey drained by Stony Brook and the Millstone River.

The Watershed Association preserves open space by maintaining an 830 acre nature reserve on Titus Mill Road in Pennington and provides year round environmental education programs for children and adults. The association works with towns, businesses, and landowners to improve land use decisions that impact the environment.

The reserve contains 14 miles of hiking trails, a nature center, gift shop, and the privately owned Honey Brook Aging, visit www.njfoundation.org. Visitors are welcome from dawn to dusk, all year long. For additional information, call (609) 737-3735 or visit www.thewatershed.org.

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"I always liked old things, old toys, old buildings, and I liked being outside. I liked learning from the landscape. I also loved to draw, and I always drew houses. Anyone who loves to draw will never be idle," says Mr. Endersby, who is now co-owner of the New Jersey Barn Company, which rescues threatened barns, dismantles and removes them, and then re-erects them in new locations.

His boyhood in Princeton, a community steeped in history, offered Mr. Endersby a rich foundation for his emerging interest in history and preservation and, indeed, for his later career.

Born in Princeton Hospital in 1946, Elric was the son of Elric and Lemma Endersby, both New Jersey natives.

"They married in 1941, and came to Princeton," recalls Mr. Endersby. "My father, who was in the fabric and wall paper business, commuted to New York and then, during the war, to Philadelphia. He was also president of the Princeton YMCA."

Growing up in the small town atmosphere of the 1940s and '50s of Princeton was a happy time. The family, including younger sister Debbie, lived on Province Line Road, which was then out in the country, says Mr. Endersby.

Country Kids

"We were country kids and depended on each other and our imagination for entertainment. We were blessed. Princeton was a wonderful town then, a small college town amidst a wonderful necklace of farms. All I can say is that growing up there in the fifties was a very nurturing experience."

Elric and Debbie attended "Story Hour" on Saturday mornings at Bainbridge House, which was then Princeton's public library.

"After that, we'd go to Castanita's for lunch and have a hamburger and milkshake," remembers Mr. Endersby. "Debbie and I also had our own little newspaper when I was 10 and she was seven. We called it 'Vanity Fair, Jr.' We'd go around on our bikes and collect news from our neighbors. Had anyone gotten a new car? A dog, etc.? My mother typed it up and made carbons. We had 12 copies at two cents a copy every two weeks or so."

"I also remember in the fourth grade feeding the elephants at the circus which was located where the Community Park School is now. And the first wedding I ever attended was when my third grade teacher, Miss Wentzel, got married. She invited the class. I recently called her on the occasion of her 50th wedding anniversary."

Elric sang in the Trinity Church choir, and he remembers, "Mr. Rudy, the choir director, was especially influential in my life. Like my father, he had an amazing sense of humor, and he encouraged me. I was the lead choir boy, and that was a good thing at that point in my life."

Another very important person in Elric's

life and in the Endersby household was Lillian Worthy. "She had come up to New Jersey from Georgia after the war, and she helped my mother clean the house. She was our black 'mother'. Our affection for and sense of security with black people was fostered by our relationship with her."

Another Culture

Elric's interest both in drawing and observing houses attracted him to architecture at a very young age, he says. "At six years old, I knew I wanted to be an architect. Winston Churchill said, 'Great buildings make great men.' We were exposed to a rich architectural vocabulary all around Princeton, not only its 18th Century roots and Princeton University, but it was just all part of the landscape and what we absorbed."

"This was amplified in 1955, when my parents took us to England for several months. We absorbed another culture, and saw ancient cathedrals and monuments, and also a lot of green."

Back in Princeton, Elric attended Valley Road School and later, Princeton High School. He remembers many teachers who were important to him, and served as role models in his life.

"Gladys Kyle at Valley Road loved history, and she had great memories of local history, which she shared with us. In seventh and eighth grade, Eugene Doherty was my English teacher, and he made learning grammar fun. He was one of the first people who encouraged me to write," reports Mr. Endersby.

Theater was another interest, which originated for him at the McCarter Children's Theatre. "I had always gone to those performances, and we were lucky to have this when we were growing up."

"In eighth grade," he continues, "Miss Ballard, my science teacher, was instrumental in my later getting into some plays. She knew I had no aptitude or interest in science, but she had us give a 10 to 15-minute extemporaneous talk on a related topic. I did Stonehenge and Roman architecture. I was a shy boy, and that experience gave me confidence to try out for a play at Princeton High School during my sophomore year."

Day-Dreamer

"I was not a very good student at Princeton High. I was always sort of a day-dreamer, but I got the part of Noah's son in 'Noah', with John Lithgow (a prominent actor today). I later got involved with McCarter Theatre and PJ & B productions."

"Today, I do a lot of public speaking, helping historical groups start oral histories, participating in workshops on barn rescue and preservation, and these early experiences were very influential."

After graduating from PHS in 1964, Elric attended Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., where he majored in the history of



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architecture. His interest in history now began to overshadow architecture as a career.

"I loved Trinity," he says. "It was the right place for me. It was small, and I got to know my professors well, and made lasting friendships with the other students."

While there, he headed the Arts organization, and later, after graduation, he worked at Trinity, designing and editing college publications, including catalogs, alumni magazines, etc. He had also become interested in 19th Century architecture at Trinity, and after a summer in California to restore a home in Monterey, he returned to Hartford.

"The 1960s were a period when preservation became much more widespread," he explains. "I had a notion to start a landmark society, but I ran out of money, and returned to Princeton."

Heady Time

"That was a heady time in Princeton," he adds. "A lot was going on politically in the country, and it was reflected in Princeton. My hair was long, and my politics radical!"

Also, during this time, his interest in historical preservation grew even stronger. As he reports, "I happened to be walking along Nassau Street, and they were installing a replica of an 18th Century doorway in Bainbridge House, which had recently become

headquarters for the Historical Society of Princeton. I had some conversations with people there, including Connie Grieff and Nancy Knox, and ended up with an assignment to collect oral histories."

This became part of the Princeton History Project, whose purpose was to collect, preserve, and present memories as a resource for future study, and a broad range of ethnic and socio-economic groups were involved.

Mr. Endersby began interviewing people for the project, and found that he had an affinity for eliciting their stories. "I interviewed people I had grown up with and a lot of teachers. I ended up with 80 interviews after a year, and then decided to head for graduate school at the Cooperstown Graduate Program, a part of the New York State University system."

During 1971 and '72, he studied historic preservation and American folklife.

Returning to Princeton, he rejoined the oral history program, and also wrote a series of columns for the Princeton Packet on a variety of topics relating to Princeton's past, and excerpted comments from the oral history interviews.

He was also involved with a program called "Townspeople" at the public library. A group of some 60 people met nine or 10 times a year for discussion.

"We'd have a topic — anything really, relating to Princeton," says Mr. Endersby. "Peddlers, costumes, dolls, toys, the Canal, summer in Princeton, etc. It was great, and everyone showed up."

"I was also working with high school students, and we found a directory listing all the adults in Princeton in 1923. We compared it with the phone book in 1973, and there were 500 names in common."

Local History

All of these projects led to a new publication, he explains. "It became obvious that there was a lot of interest in Princeton history, more than we could cover in just the articles. So, my friend Jamie Sayen and I began 'The Princeton Recollector' in 1975. It was all about local Princeton and its history. People immediately started sending in stories, and we would also publish excerpts from the oral histories. It was a 'town alumni' magazine, and was sent to 48 states and several countries."

"The Recollector" was assembled in the Bainbridge House attic at night by its staff members, who also worked day jobs. It was eventually published almost monthly, and continued until 1986.

Gail Stern, current Director of the Historical Society of Princeton, is grateful to Mr. Endersby for his contribution in preserving living history. "Ric is an incredible innovator. He was doing oral history and chronicling

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the histories of women and ethnic communities before anyone else in this area. So often, the histories of ethnic groups go undocumented, but because of him and his colleagues at 'The Recollector', we have a legacy of rich information in these areas.

'The Recollector' publication is one of the most frequently-used resources in the Historical Society's library. Ric was the pioneer in documenting the social and cultural history of Princeton — as much on everyday life

as about the famous and infamous."

Adds Mr. Endersby's sister, Debbie Gwazda of Pennington: "I worked briefly at the Historical Society, and it was interesting for me to get calls about 'The Recollector' from people who want to revisit history. Ric really captured history that is important. From his point of view, it wasn't so much about the famous, as about the history of ordinary people, the mini heroes, who live their lives day-to-day, doing their jobs, and creating their own history.

"In a way, what Ric has done, saving history, is just as vital as saving the environment. I respect him a lot."

Next Chapter

Mr. Endersby's love of history was very much a factor in the next stage of his career, which combines history and his passion for old buildings.

"The next chapter began in 1976, when I met my business partner, Alex Greenwood," he explains. "Five of us were renting a farmhouse in Dutch Neck, when Alex, who was working as a carpenter, came to do some repairs. We found that we shared an interest in architectural detective work. A short time later, Alex and some friends bought 'Glencalrn', an 18th Century house. It was in need of serious restoration, and that house was like a graduate program — training in historical architecture. We wanted to restore it authentically, and we honed our skills in preservation.

"In addition," continues Mr. Endersby, "a garage facility was needed. The original barn had collapsed, and we had to provide an appropriate out building. We thought the most suitable thing was to find another barn and move it to the grounds. We already had the existing foundation. We wanted a timber-framed building, and looked locally. We found one in Dutch Neck, and in 1977, gathered a group of friends together to get the hay out of it. Then, we stripped the roof, but we really didn't know what we were doing. We made a lot of mistakes. We took off all the rafters. The barn was made up of a series of structural sections (bents), and then, during all this work, a major part of the barn collapsed!"

They persevered, however, and eventually they were able to accomplish the move. At the culmination, they had an old-fashioned barn-raising, followed by a celebratory barn dance.

"Everyone came — all our friends and family," remembers Mr. Endersby. "The project could not have been done except in the large company of others sharing their labors."

He recalls that there was a letdown in the five or six months following the reassembling of the barn, but then, they began to think in terms of finding more barns at risk and preserving them in new locations.

"Alex said there must be someone out there interested in barns and saving them. So, we started looking."

Thus was born the fledgling New Jersey Barn Company, which was incorporated in 1980. Seeking barns to save, Mr. Endersby and Mr. Greenwood searched the New Jersey

countryside, finding many, but not always able to buy them.

Historic Barns

"We looked at some, but our offers were rejected," recalls Mr. Endersby. "Then, we found one in Flemington, and sold it in January of 1980, and in the spring of that year, re-erected it in Connecticut."

Most of the historic barns saved and sold by the New Jersey Barn Company have a new lease on life as private residences, offices, studios, and occasionally, stables and stores. Because of the vast changes in agriculture, these 18th and 19th structures are no longer suitable as barns.

The work involved is time-consuming, pain-staking, and at times dangerous. The barn rises in Architectural Digest.

Is stripped down to the bare bones, eliminating any materials that have been added over the years. It is then disassembled, documented by Company without each other. photos, measured drawings, and a scale model. Each post and beam is labeled and tagged, and then placed in storage until the reassembly gets underway, at which time, the dismantled beams are taken to the new site. The frame is re-erected in its original form on top of a foundation.

They are also co-authors of two handsome and informative books: "Barn, The Art of a Working Building" and "Barn, Preservation & Adaptation".

"Vast credit must go to my partner Alex," says Mr. Endersby. "Neither one of us could have developed the Barn

photos, measured drawings, Our abilities and specialties complement each other. They are trying very hard to get people to save these barns," says Mr. Endersby. "There is so much development. Sadly, we are offered many more barns than we can save. One of the things we have worked hard on is to alert people to the importance of these buildings. Since the structures are not used for their original purpose now, we have to find a vital new purpose for them. I have many speaking engagements trying to encourage people to preserve these buildings. One of the most pleasing things is that in Texas, and Montana,

beginning to recognize the slender remaining evidence of our agrarian past."

As are so many others, Mr. Greenwood is struck by Mr. Endersby's extensive knowledge of history. As he says, "A passion for history and vernacular architecture has motivated Elric for as long as I have known him. For Elric, history is both a vocation and avocation. His enthusiasm for capturing and documenting the past has certainly enriched the community."

A bachelor, Mr. Endersby especially enjoys the companionship of his sister, her husband, and their three sons, as well as his many friends. "I am terribly fortunate," he says. "I have a wonderful family and a whole series of extraordinary people who have been in my life all along the way. I am also grateful for my parents. I enjoy the opportunity to reflect on the lessons they taught me, and I am very glad that they lived to see me buy an 18th Century house and raise my barn."

Lighter Side
"Both my parents loved words. My mother loved a turn of phrase, and my father, who never went to college,

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made a point to learn 10 new words every week and use them in conversation. My father also had a great sense of humor and sense of fun. He helped us to see the lighter side."

In cooperation with friends, Mr. Endersby has recently purchased land in the Dominican Republic, a country he has visited many times in recent years. "I love it there. I love the people and the climate. I love the ocean and body surfing. And it's a great place for me to work. I do a lot of measured drawings there."

At home, which is now Ewing, he does indeed live in an 18th century house and has a restored barn on his property. Princeton remains an important part of his life, however. He serves on the board of the Historical Society, the Township Preservation Commission, and has been on the board of the Arts Council. In addition, he swims five days a week at the YMCA pool.

"I was one of the first people to use that pool," he reports. "I've probably swum a half million lengths in that pool!"

The Princeton of his boyhood — that small country town — is in many ways part of the past Mr. Endersby strives to keep alive. There are reminders of it, though, he says. "Despite its growth, Princeton is still enough of a

Then, of course, there is the intellectual fermentation in town from Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study."

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small town to have character. Mr. Endersby's future, he observes, and he looks forward to finding new uses for abandoned barns. "I love the work I do with the Barn Company, to have the chance to investigate these structures. I especially like the detective work, the discovery. The real thrill is when you find something written on a timber, or a paper jammed in to keep a floorboard from squeaking. We found a call to appear for jury duty in 1818 in Flemington, and also found what was left of a letter, with the words 'barn' and 'thatch'."

"Also, there was a series of maps in the lobby of the Valley Road School when it was the Municipal Building. One was taken in 1955, an aerial view of Princeton. I look at that, and I can find Rosedale and Province Line and see our property. It puts a lump in my throat. I look at it and wonder what we were all doing that day — whether it was my father edging the driveway or my mother adding mulch to the garden. That world was so remarkable. It was such a nurturing family, and all those wonderful people and such an interesting town to live in, with all its resources."

Spinal Column

It is no surprise to him that Princeton has become a centerpiece of the state. "Princeton has always been on the nation's spinal column," he explains. "Nassau Street was part of an Indian path, then became King's Highway, from New York to Philadelphia. There was a big carriage trade. It was a place to stop, with a number of taverns and inns. Then came the turnpikes — Brunswick Pike, which became Route One, and the Princeton Pike, and the Canal, and railroad, and air routes."

Indeed, bringing history alive and sharing it with others is what matters to Mr. Endersby, and he traces a continuum from his early years in oral history to his work today.

"No satisfaction has been quite like the work with oral history and 'The Recollector' and spending my twenties and early thirties with people who were in their eighties. I talked with 50 to 60 people in Princeton who lived here when Woodrow Wilson was in town. The whole point for me was to gain perspective. I called it 'Periscope Princeton.' Through their eyes, I could have been a spy in Princeton in 1900."

"I will be 60 in March," he reflects, "and now I work with college interns at the Barn Company. I love this time of year, when we have five or six college students working with us — architects-to-be or future preservationists. With their enthusiasm and curiosity, it all comes alive again. And we can pass on the continuity of living history to another generation."

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when the library had limited hours at both facilities.

The number of adults attending library programs has also more than doubled since last year.

Fifty percent of active cardholders live in the Township; 30 percent live in the Borough. Non-resident active cardholders stand at 12 percent, or 3,472 people, which is up from previous years. Ms. Burger said that non-resident card fees have been increased to \$150, which exceeds the amount needed to fund staffing for the additional library users.

On other financial matters, Ms. Burger announced that to date, the library has incurred \$170,632 in expenses that, once approved, should be paid for through the Borough's capital bud-

get. While the budget was introduced at the Borough's July 12 meeting, the library will be unable to obtain the funds until September.

At the recommendation of the Borough's administrator, Ms. Burger will request a \$100,000 advance from the Borough to pay for the current shortfall.

In addition, the library is spending less than anticipated for salaries and benefits this year due to unexpected vacancies, although trash and snow removal costs continue to exceed estimates, and will be addressed toward the end of the year.

In other news, the board of trustees also discussed the library's new policy on Internet use on the children's floor. According to Susan Conlon, teen services librarian, a lot of young children often go on the computers in the library and use the Internet unsupervised, which often leads to the playing of games on the computer.

Under the library's new policy, patrons are allowed up to one hour on the computer before they have to sign off. Once they sign off, they are unable to access the Internet again until one hour later.

"We thought it was a way to have everyone 'drop everything and read,'" said Ms. Conlon, adding that the library will continue with the new system for the duration of the summer to see how it works out.

—Candace Braun

Local Fare

from Princeton's kitchens

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New Jersey cucumbers are now in season! Refreshing and cool, this salad makes a quick side dish or a perfect light lunch. If you choose local, organic, unwaxed cucumbers, there is no need to remove the peel. Play with the proportions of the ingredients to suit your taste. You can vary the taste of this salad by adding small cubes of feta cheese or by replacing the thyme with other herbs, such as tarragon.

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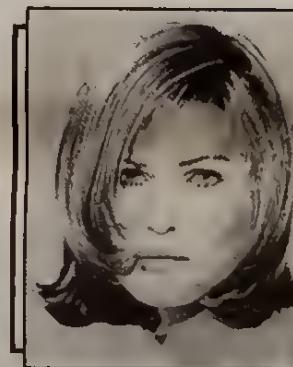
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Property Tax Increase of 54 Percent In 5 Years Demands Response at Polls

To the Editor:

Well, we have our new property tax bills. Up another 8.5 percent. That makes an unbelievable 54 percent increase just since 2000.

Where's the outrage? I can't be the only one whose income hasn't increased 50 percent in the last five years. Do the resident homeowners of this community intend to just sit idly by and permit our elected officials to expropriate whatever funds they desire to squander on their pet projects, programs, and pork without protest?

How can they justify spending our money at 3.5 times the rate of inflation? Why do we continue to acquiesce by reelecting the same irresponsible spendthrifts?

The only way to stop it is at the polls. If you care, get out and do something about it!

JAMES M. MCKINNON
Edgerstoune Road

Medical Center's Credibility at Issue With Unsold Homes on Harris Road

To the Editor:

In the debate over the future use of the hospital land, the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) contends that with their proposed site plan, they are acting with the community's best interest in mind. However, their actions and promises are inconsistent. In order for the community to trust UMCP to do what is best for the neighborhood, UMCP must demonstrate its commitment in good faith.

Take, for example, the houses on the west side of Harris Road. These properties have been a source of contention for years. UMCP quietly bought them up and began converting some of them to offices, without the knowledge of neighbors. After a lengthy legal dispute, UMCP acquiesced to the neighborhood's requests and vacated the offices. Subsequently, the rapidly deteriorating homes have remained vacant.

In a February 2003 meeting with neighborhood residents, UMCP President Barry Rabner said that the hospital could sell these homes, returning them to the tax rolls. If UMCP truly plans to sell the homes on Harris Road, why have they waited? Because they don't intend to sell them as homes as promised; they intend to include them in the block to be sold to a developer, who will redevelop them as he sees fit, destroying the character of the neighborhood. If UMCP expects the community to believe their promises, they should begin by making good on some of them. The homes on the west side of Harris Road should be marketed and sold to individuals in the near future.

JONAH and AMY LANSKY
Harris Road

New Jersey Opera Theater Has No Ties To Departed Opera Festival Company

To the Editor:

As a person closely identified with Opera Festival of New Jersey since its founding in the early 1980s, I feel I need to respond to statements in your July 20 issue in the article about New Jersey Opera Theater's upcoming presentation at the Princeton Public Library.

For the second time in two years a spokesperson for NJOT has tried to imply for public consumption a link between that organization and Opera Festival of New Jersey, as if NJOT were somehow the appropriate legacy of Opera Festival. This is misleading.

Lisa and Scott Altman were employees for a time in different positions with Opera Festival. They have now gone on to do their own thing.

The reputation of Opera Festival remains intact no matter how often people want to resurrect its failures. Despite its end after 20 years, it would be hard for any regional opera company to reach the artistic peaks Opera Festival achieved in its final years. When one looks back at the repertoire of those 20 years, especially the wealth of 20th century works alone, the record is astounding.

Let the reputation of Opera Festival of New Jersey lie in peace, unsullied by hangers-on.

JOHN A. ELLIS
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Founding Chairman, Opera Festival of New Jersey

Photo Exhibit Offers Fitting Tribute To Princeton's Volunteer Firemen

To the Editor:

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The Excellent Adventure of an Art Reviewer in Lotus Land

Send a book and art reviewer who does not know a crankshaft from an alternator to "review" an auto showroom and classic car garage — surely you jest.

Consider, too, that the reviewer is even more ignorant on the subject of sports cars than he is about the standard product. Not only would he not know a Mazda from an Acura Integra, he wouldn't know an Aston Martin from a Ferrari or a Jaguar if it bit him.

Can this automotively challenged individual find aesthetic excitement in so alien a venue? Of course — if the "museum" in question is Robert Burt's Lotus dealership at 49 East Broad Street in Hopewell, which shares a newly restored building with Steel Wings, the atelier of repair and restoration artist Lance Evans.

The dictionary describes

lotus land as "a place inducing contentment esp. through offering an idyllic living situation." A land of dreams, in other words. The building at the sign of the Lotus in Hopewell is, in fact, a dream dreamed three decades ago by a young man with a passion for exotic cars who had come to the States from England and settled with his family in the Princeton area. In 1974, Robert Burt opened a four-bay garage in Trenton called Sports and Specialist Cars. The dream he dreamed back then, of a state-of-the-art showroom and a garage with an automotive artist in residence, has come true, appropriately enough, in a place called Hopewell. Helped by an investment of faith and funding from his father, Burt's business flourished, and he eventually acquired the Saab and Honda dealerships on Route 206. As success fol-

lowed success, he never forgot his dream and now he can visit it every day, and you can tell from the light in his eyes when he talks about it that the dream has lost none of its glow.

Probably Burt's most important stop on the way to Hopewell was at Lime Rock, a Connecticut race track where he met Lance Evans at an Aston Martin event. Kindred spirits with an enlightened appreciation of the car James Bond made famous — Burt raced Aston Martins and Evans repaired and restored them — they soon found themselves beginning an informal partnership roughly comparable to that of art dealer and art restorer, except that the works of art were marketed by the restorer. Admitted, it's a shaky analogy. You can look at a Picasso but you can't climb inside and drive off in it. One thing high art and high-end cars have in common, however, is cost. These paintings on wheels are not cheap. At Steel Wings, the cars Evans works on can be worth millions and can cost as much as a quarter of a million to restore. They can also consume thousands of hours in the workshop.

What makes the Aston Martin so charismatic is the combination of beauty and power. Burt has a connoisseur's appreciation of the formal beauty and a race car driver's first-hand experience of the power. The wonders Evans could work were first revealed to him when he put a newly purchased Aston Martin that had not been performing well in his friend's care. When he got the car back and drove it, he immediately knew it had

been in the hands of a master, and the relationship was launched. All these years later, another Aston Martin belonging to Burt is in his friend's hands, this one (as a book reviewer might phrase it) the equivalent of a rare 1951 first edition, being the first Aston Martin shipped to North America. This time there is more to the job than ironing out a flaw in the performance. This time the car has been reduced to its essence so that Evans can rebuild it from scratch. He's been working on it for a year and wants to have it ready in time for Burt to race it at LeMans in 2006. A dream within a dream, this work-in-progress is taking place in the room behind the garage at 49 East Broad Street.

As for the showroom itself, the museum analogy is not really that much of a stretch. The light coming through the big windows (among them a stained glass panel) would be the envy of any gallery. An icon of early American automobile life is on view in the form of a "Dino Supreme" Sinclair pump. Framed photographs and graphics are displayed on the walls, including sketches of racetrack imagery ("Le Mans 1969") and a museum case of immaculate parts. One of the objects in the case is an oil filter like none you've ever seen because it was invented in the adjoining workshop; when an Aston Martin part can't be found, the Steel Wings crew, led by Jon Clerk, who is in line to take over when Evans retires, simply build one. Taking up most of one wall in the garage is an immense Grand Prix Martini poster, an original Burt was going to sell to an



TWO FOR THE ROAD: Aston Martin buddies Lance Evans (standing) and Robert Burt showing off the team Lotus racing car on display at Burt's Lotus dealership in Hopewell. Burt's web site (princetonlotus.com) is undergoing a restoration that should be in operation by mid-August.

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Lotus Land

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art dealer until the Hopewell dream offered the perfect place for it. The floor in the garage is a smooth, glossy battleship gray that picks up the light and sets off the colors of the cars being worked on. There is even a showroom library in a long, tasteful expanse of shelving filled with what looks to be complete runs of publications like *Autosport*, *Road and Track*, and *Motor Sport*. Another nice touch in the showroom is lighting, two silver wands, the larger one as stylishly curved in its way as the Lotuses below it.

The essential function of the showroom, of course, is just that, to show off four-wheeled masterworks. This reviewer has been to photorealist group shows where there is usually at least one artist whose work explores the contours and colors of some sublimely photogenic automobile. Here you can bypass the photography and see the art firsthand. Here's the magnificent, gleaming green Team Lotus racing car overflowing with such a swarm of reflections, it seems to be in motion even when it's standing still. You can't touch it — without permission, anyway — but then you can't touch the Cézannes at the Museum of Modern Art either. And over here is the 1954 Jaguar XK 120 roadster (yours for a mere \$79,500) that makes you feel that you've never seen the true redness of red before. Gaze at

it long enough and when you go outside, the world looks brighter. Anyone who has come out of MOMA or any exhibit worth looking at has experienced a similar sharpening of perception.

Finally, what about the Lotus? This is a Lotus dealership, after all, with the yellow Lotus logo on the sign outside. Seen head-on, these beauties seem to grin at you like snazzy Cheshire Cats. But think of the name — how classy, a sports car named for a flower.

Automobile manufacturers outdo themselves inventing catchy names for this or that model, running the gamut from the macho to the lofty poetical to names that sound more like expensive watches than cars. As far as I know, flowers have not crashed that party yet. No Gentians or Orchids or Marigolds. But the Lotus is something else. For one thing the shape of the flower can be seen in the shape of the hood. Beyond that, lotus suggests exotic lands, not merely the lotus land as defined by Webster but India and, in particular, Hindu mythology. That Lotus hood shape is also a version of the lotus that Brahma sits on. Indian divinities wear garlands of lotus flowers. There are lotus sculptures and a lotus on top of the Holy Mountain on the Hindu mandala. And George Harrison, the Beatle who did as much as anyone to wake the world to the lure of India, drove a Lotus. No wonder. How could he resist so neatly combining his love of racing with his love

of India? George was driving around London in a Lotus Elan when the Beatles were making *Sgt. Pepper*. In his autobiography, *I Me Mine*, there's a picture of him driving Stirling Moss's Lotus 18, winner of the 1960 Monte Carlo Grand Prix. It also figures that his passion for the Lotus inspired his racing song, "Faster."

You can't beat that for celebrity magic. Aston Martin has James Bond, Lotus has George Harrison.

Speaking of celebrities, Robert Burt has another dream, a Hopewell dream, in which Jay Leno, or maybe British actor/comedian and racing enthusiast Rowan Atkinson, will be driving through town on Broad Street and put their necks out of joint at the resplendent vision shining forth at No. 49. The cars screech to a stop. How can they resist Lotus Land? Or you could take the fantasy even farther and imagine James Bond in his Aston Martin making an emergency pit stop to take advantage of the real-life Lance Evans, who, by the way, was a protégé of Rex Woodgate, Aston Martin's top racing mechanic in the 1950s.

One last, important element in Robert Burt's story is that it might never have turned out as it has except for the faith and patience of the father who encouraged his son to follow his dream and set the journey to it in motion by helping finance that first four-bay garage in Trenton.

—Stuart Mitchner



DREAM CAR IN A DREAM COME TRUE: On display in Robert Burt's dream dealership is this 1954 Jaguar XK 120 roadster. Look at it long enough and when you go outside, you see a brighter world.

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LOTUS MAGIC: There's a hint of the Cheshire Cat in the face of this Lotus in the Hopewell showroom of the building co-owned by Robert Burt and Lance Evans. The showroom is Burt's domain and the garage is home to Evans and his repair and restoration business, Steel Wings, which can be reached at (609) 466-5305 or at www.steelwings.com.

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Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch will be showing the work of Gina Chang, the oil painter, through July 31. The library will also show the works of Laura Wane, the photographer, from August 1 to 31. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery will be open 5 days 12:30 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 394-9535.

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ABSTRACT ART: Princeton artist and resident Barbara K. Suomi is exhibiting her works at Small World Coffee through August 1. Some images in the exhibit focus on written words, and some focus on human faces or figures, such as this one. Ms. Suomi is a native of New Jersey, who currently works and lives in Princeton with her three children. She has been part of a number of group shows in the area, including the Princeton Photography Club, and the Ebony & Ivory Gallery in Hopewell. Small World Coffee is located at 14 Witherspoon Street. For more information, call (609) 924-4377, or visit www.smallworldcoffee.com.

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In 1971, the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, on the recommendation of Howard Goldstein, chairman of the Commission, instituted a program that would give recognition to outstanding Mercer County artists. The Commission sponsored a juried exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture to be held annually at what was then Trenton State College, now The College of New Jersey. Additional recognition to the exhibiting artists was given through the presentation of purchase and merit awards. The jurors selected the merit awards and the Commission with the consultation of the jurors selected the purchase awards.

Howard Goldstein, a visual artist and former director of the art department at Trenton State College, believed the best way to support and recognize artists was through the purchase of their works. He also believed that living with good original art would contribute to expanding the aesthetic sensitivities of the public, hence, the creation of the Mercer County Art Collection. The County government has generously continued the funding of the collection throughout the years.

The original exhibition has expanded and now The College of New Jersey hosts a student art exhibition and a photography exhibition that is open to all residents of the County. The Commission also co-sponsors two exhibitions at Mercer County Community College, and like TCNJ one of the exhibitions is open to all residents of the County and the other is a student exhibition.

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Trenton Museum Holds Summer Series

The Trenton Artists Workshop Association (TAWA) is currently holding its annual summer exhibitions, at the Trenton City Museum at Emlarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park.

For each of the summer TAWA exhibitions, each artist leads a 20 minute gallery "walk and talk" in which they describe their work and techniques. There will be a panel discussion following the completion of the gallery talks.

The TAWA I exhibition will be going on through July 31, which will feature Eric Kinsman in the front gallery, Randall Greenbaum in the middle gallery, and Deborah Reichard in the rear gallery.

The TAWA II exhibition begins August 6, and will run through September 11. Gallery talks will be held on August 7, beginning at 1 p.m.

Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is closed Monday and major holidays.

For more information about the Trenton City Museum, call (609) 989-3632.

from all over the country are invited to submit slides in all print media for possible inclusion in the 49th Annual National Juried Print Exhibition, a nationally recognized competition. This year's juror is internationally known sculptor and printmaker, Jeanne Jaffe.

Founded in 1952 by a group of spirited local citizens, the Hunterdon Museum of Art has evolved into the region's premiere showcase of contemporary art with an active exhibition and education program. The museum strives to fulfill a unique place in the community: to encourage participation in and love of the arts, and to preserve the charm and historic character of the old stone mill.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 735-8415 or visit www.hunterdonmuseum.org.

The show includes striking downtown images from Philadelphia, such as a group of men in a cigar store on Walnut Street, a dignified elderly man feeding pigeons from a park bench in Rittenhouse Square, and others. There are shots of New York City, as well.

Mr. Hochman is vice president of operations for Caliper Management in Princeton and also has worked as an actor and a musician. His acting career goes back 25 years and included work with companies such as Bucks County Playhouse, Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Open Air Theater, and Kelsey Theater. He also sings with the rockabilly band, Barry and the 8-tracks.

Failte Coffeehouse is located at 9 East Broadstreet in Hopewell, and is open Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call (609) 466-6681.

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Bristol-Myers Squibb employees and members of the community can enjoy the sculpture show on "The Greens" of the Hopewell campus, overlooking wide open vistas of the surrounding countryside.

"This sculpture exhibit is one of the positive ways we demonstrate our commitment to the New Jersey community and to the arts in Garden State," said Tom Costa, vice president and deputy counsel for Bristol-Myers Squibb. "I hope this show will offer inspiration to our employees and neighbors, as it demonstrates what the fire of imagination can do with raw materials such as steel, bronze, copper, granite and wood."

The seven sculptors exhibiting in Hopewell are established artists whose work has been in the public eye for many years. They are: Hope Carter of Hopewell; Kate Dodd of South Orange; Richard Heinrich of New York City; Jon Isherwood of Hudson, NY; Joel Perlman of New York City; John Van Alstine of Wells, NY; and Jay Wholley of Carversville, Pa.

"LIQUOR STORE": Gallery 125 is celebrating its first anniversary with "365 Days Later," a juried group exhibit showcasing the work of 33 artists in a variety of media. Shown here is Eric Fowler's oil on board, "Oiden Ave. Liquor Store." Mr. Fowler's paintings probe the structural fabric of Trenton, examining the quiet patchwork of buildings that comprise its low lying urban landscape. The artist has been a resident of Trenton for more than a decade, and has been teaching drawing and illustration at Mercer County Community College since 1996. Gallery 125 is located at 125 S. Warren Street, Trenton. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-9119, or visit <http://gallery125.com>.

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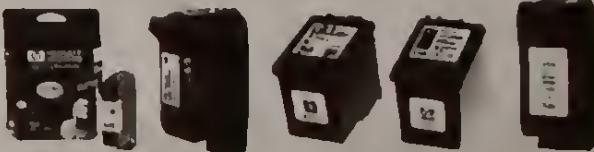
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THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN CIRCUS IS COMING, THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN CIRCUS IS COMING: Children 6 to 18 will be featured performers in the Russian American Kids Circus, coming to Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on October 22. The circus will be one of 17 shows for children during Kelsey's 2005-06 season.

(Photo by Maile Schutte)

Schedule Announced For 2005-06 Season At Kelsey Theatre

Audiences can anticipate some surprises when the curtain goes up on the 2005-06 season at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on September 16. The new season's theme, "Something's Cookin' at Kelsey Theatre," will reflect the family theater's smorgasbord of dramas, musicals, comedies, and Kelsey's signature children's series.

"Each year we strive to present a balance between the well-known, popular favorites and less familiar works," said Kelsey Theatre Manager M. Kitty Getlik. "I believe we have truly succeeded, with much-loved musicals like *Bye Bye Birdie* and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and more unusual fare such as *Stalag 17* and *Inspecting Carol*, a spoof of the holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*. And those who want to see the original *Christmas Carol* won't be disappointed either. A musical version is on the schedule after *Inspecting Carol*."

A highlight of the season

will be the area premiere of *Song*, from October 14 to Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats*, 23, and *Horvey*, presented by Ms. Getlik noted that in Pierrot Productions, from addition to its full-length productions, Kelsey would cater to young theatergoers with 17 children's shows this year. "This year we even have the circus coming to town, with a performance by the Russian American Kids Circus," she said.

Kelsey Theatre will host nine regional theater companies this season; most will present more than one show. The companies include Cheng/Ferrara Productions, The Kelsey Players, Like 40 Productions, Maurer Productions OnStage, The Pennington Players, Pierrot Productions, Playful Theatre Productions, Stars in the Park, and The Yardley Players. Many of Kelsey's children's shows are presented by award-winning traveling companies.

The Pennington Players will open the season with *Bye, Bye Birdie* from September 16 to 25, followed by The Yardley Players' *Cheaper by the Dozen* from September 30 to October 9. Next up will be Neil Simon's romantic classic, *They're Playing Our*

The schedule will take on a holiday theme with *Inspecting Carol* from November 11 to 20, and *A Christmas Carol — The Musical* from November 25 to December 4. Holiday performances for children will include *Twas the Night Before Christmas* from December 9 to 11 and *The Nutcracker* on December 17 and 18.

The new year will begin with *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* from January 6 to 15, followed by two adult musicals, *The Who's Tommy*, from January 27 to February 5, and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* from February 10 to 19. *Stalag 17*, a suspenseful black comedy set in a German POW camp, will run from February 24 to March 5.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's magical fantasy *Cats*, from Playful Theatre Productions, will run from March 24 to April 2, followed by another Broadway hit, *La Cage Aux Folles* from May 12 to 21. Closing out the adult season will be the murder mystery

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Princeton University Summer Series Closes With Another Precise and Elegant Ensemble

Ensō String Quartet, the last of the chamber ensembles to appear in the Princeton University Summer Concert series, derives its name from the Japanese zen painting of the circle which represents many things, including (as described in their biography) "perfection and imperfection, the moment of chaos that is creation, the emptiness of the void, the endless circle of life, and the fullness of the spirit." However, their concert on Wednesday night at Richardson Auditorium was more European than Japanese in theme, and Russian in particular, as the quartet performed music of Ignaz Josef Pleyel, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Ludwig van Beethoven. The concerts in the Summer Series this year have explored a wide range of ensembles and playing styles, and the Ensō String Quartet demonstrated just how sublime a string quartet can be.

Ignaz Josef Pleyel was a student of Haydn, and composed in most genres of the late 18th century, ranging from symphonies to music for the hurdy-gurdy. He was firmly committed to the string quartets of Haydn, and his own String Quartet in B-flat Major continues the same structure and techniques which Haydn had brought to perfection.

From the opening Allegro, the Ensō Quartet's sound was very unified and not overly loud, this ensemble commands the attention of its audience by making them listen. The rich harmonies of Pleyel's music clearly mark a path from the Classical to Romantic periods, and the quick shifts to minor keys were subtly sprung upon the audience by the quartet. Second violinist John Marcus brought a sharper and brighter sound to the ensemble than first violinist Maureen Nelson, and cellist Richard Belcher demonstrated a very clean and clear tone. Joined by violist Rob Brophy, the quartet moved effortlessly through sections of both paired instruments and full ensemble playing in the final Rondo.

The concert took a Russian turn with Shostakovich's *String Quartet No. 8* in C minor. A quartet in which half the movements are in the tempo of *Largo* might

seem ominous, but the members of Ensō found musical variety and great diversity of sound within the five movements. Like many Shostakovich works, this piece tells a story, in this case inspired by the wartime remains of Dresden, which moved Shostakovich to dedicate the Quartet to "the victims of fascism and war," including himself. The opening cello theme, musically spelling Shostakovich's name and repeated fugally by the rest of the quartet, was played with an intensity and nuance that indicated an understanding of Shostakovich's intent. The quartet's playing of this particular section was without vibrato and full of pathos and tragedy. The players were not afraid of the silences and quiet within the piece, and the rather twisted *Allegretto* middle movement was full of musical effect.

Beethoven's *String Quartet in F Major, Opus 59, No. 1* may not seem to have any Russian connection by its name, but it is in fact one of the "Razumovsky" quartets, dedicated to the Russian ambassador of Beethoven's time. The opening *Allegro* movement was melodic and full of the *sforzandos* which characterize Beethoven's music, and the quartet once again showed its strength of mellifluous playing between paired instruments. In the second movement, the interplay among the two violins and the viola could have been one instrument, their tone was so similar and the music flowed from instrument to instrument. This quartet excels at playing almost imperceptibly, thereby drawing the audience into their musical scope as they huddle together. A lively Russian theme marked the last movement as the quartet closed the concert.

Of all the chamber ensembles which appeared on the Summer Concert Series this year, this ensemble may be the youngest — founded in 1999. Making a career as a chamber ensemble artist is a tough road these days, but the Summer Series brought to Princeton a number of ensembles which demonstrated their potential for durability in the performance world and hopefully long concert lives.

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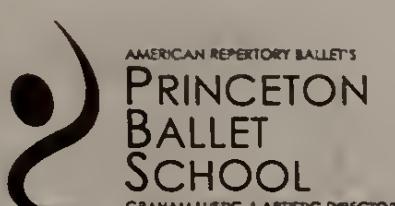
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Pennington Players Offer "Into the Woods" Musical

Cinderella, Little Red Ridinghood, Rapunzel, and Jack of beanstalk fame will get to meet one another — and plot together — in Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's Tony award-winning musical *Into the Woods*, coming to Washington Crossing State Park Open Air Theatre next week. The Pennington Players production will run August 4 through 6 and August 10 through 13 at 8 p.m.

The show, targeted at audiences of all ages, will be directed by Frank Ferrara, with musical direction by Shannon Ferrara.

The story weaves the baker and his wife's desire for a child, and their quest to remove a curse, in and out of the lives of Cinderella, Little Red Ridinghood, Jack (of beanstalk fame), and the witch next door, all of whom have wishes of their own. The characters scheme to fulfill their own dreams by devious and selfish means. And just when everyone's wishes come true, the plot twists to reveal that there are no fairy tale endings in life — a reminder that people should always be careful what they wish for.

The cast will include Elizabeth Rzasa and Alan Naldoff of Princeton; Caitlin Tierney of Princeton Junction; Kristin Keenan of Ewing; Tom Bessellieu and Brian Meltzer of Pennington; and Vicki Czarnik, Jim Petro, Jen Fisher, Patricia Bartlett, Michaela Tomcho, and Alyssa Wilkins, all of Hamilton.

The Open Air Theatre is located in Washington Crossing State Park on Pennington-Titusville Road in Titusville.

Tickets are \$8 on Wednesday through Friday, \$10 on Saturday, with children 12 and under at half price. Parking is free. Audience members are encouraged to bring a seat cushion or blanket and insect repellent.

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"I CAN DO IT BETTER": Annie Oakley (played by Cathy Liebars of Fairless Hills, Pa.) and Frank Butler (played by Bill Pessel of Princeton) sing the ever-popular song, "Anything You Can Do" at the Open Air Theater in Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville. The musical, "Annie Get Your Gun," which tells the story of sharpshooter Annie Oakley, is being performed by The Yardley Players Theatre Company, on July 27, 28, 29, and 30, at 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (609) 737-1826. Tickets are also available at the door.

FAIRY TALE FIGURES MEET: Burlington's Denise Pollicastro, left, will star as Little Red Ridinghood, Pennington's Tom Bessellieu as the Baker, and Hamilton's Vicki Czarnik as the Witch in the Pennington Players production of "Into the Woods," August 4 through August 13 at Washington Crossing State Park's Open Air Theatre. For tickets, call (609) 737-1826.

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comedy *Lucky Stiff* from June 2 to 11.

Kelsey's season for children will begin October 1 with *Pinocchio* by Kaleidoscope Theatre. Other children's shows this fall will include *Native Notions Mini-Powwow*, the Russian American Kids Circus on October 15, Cam Jansen on October 29, and the clowning antics of *Bab Berky, Out of the Blue* on November 12. *How to Eat Like a Child* will be presented by The Kelsey Players from January 20 to 22, followed by *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* on February 11.

Theatreworks/USA will return to Kelsey on February 18 with *Junie B. Jones*. A

taste of summer will arrive on February 25 with *T-Bane's Tropical Adventure*. *Charlotte's Web*, by The Pennington Players, will have performances from March 10 to March 12. The Mercer County Symphonic Band will then present an interactive concert on March 18.

The world of Willy Wonka will arrive with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* from April 7 to 9, while Jim West's *Animal Crackers* will entertain young theatergoers with a collage of puppet animals on May 6.

The season will close with two musicals, *The Little Mermaid* on May 20, and *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie and Other Storybooks*, a revue

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The Open Air Theatre is located in Washington Crossing State Park on Pennington-Titusville Road in Titusville.

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The West Windsor Arts Council will present an evening with the New Jersey Opera Theater this Saturday, July 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Nassau Park Pavilion in West Windsor, under a tent behind Panera's Bread. The concert, part of the Arts Council's Midsummer Music Series, will be free.

The New Jersey Opera Theater company will perform excerpts from its summer productions including *La Nozze di Figaro*, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, *Cherubin*, *Musical Theater Under the Stars*, and opera rarities from their premiere evening, *Beaumarchais Plus*.

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New Brunswick's State Theatre has announced that it will present its first annual after-hours Jazz festival in New Brunswick this September.

Called Jazz in the City, the weekly program is intended as a back-to-school/after-work celebration of life and art in the city. Admission will be free.

The announcement was made by State Theatre president and CEO Wesley O. Brustad.

The performances will take place every Wednesday in September from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on a platform erected under the theater's marquee at 15 Livingston Avenue. The theater has received permission from the city to close off the street between New and George Streets, Mr. Brustad said.

Tables and chairs will be set up and patrons are welcome to bring their own folding chairs. Food will be available for sale, and a cash bar will serve beverages.

The concerts will feature New Jersey artists Cecil Brooks III and his CB3 Band; Jazz vocalist Roseanna Vitro; saxophonist Don Braden; and the award-winning Rutgers Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Ralph Bowen, coordinator of jazz studies at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts.

The schedule is as follows: Cecil Brooks III and his CB3 Band, September 7 at 5:30 p.m.; Jazz vocalist Roseanna Vitro and saxophonist Don Braden on September 14 at 5:30 p.m.; the Rutgers Jazz

Ensemble on September 21 at 5:30 p.m.; and flutist Holly Holmann and pianist Mike Wofford on September 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Kelsey Theatre Holding Auditions for Musical

Stars In The Park at Kelsey Theatre will hold auditions for *They're Playing Our Song* at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 21 at Mercer County Community College. Callbacks will be Tuesday, August 22 at 7 p.m.

Auditioners must be at least 18 years of age. All roles are open.

Performances will be at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre from October 14 to October 23.

The musical, with book by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch, and lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager, will be directed by Ray Pental, with musical direction by Nancy Snyder.

The show features two main characters, one male (Vernon Gersch) and one female (Sonja Walsk). The ensemble consists of six alter egos, three males and three females. All need to be able to move on stage, react and sing. Because the roles are the alter egos of Vernon and Sonja, different types and ages will be used.

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THEATER REVIEW

"Nunsense" Meets "Fiddler on the Roof" in "Meshuggah-Nuns!" Song, Dance, and Religious Jokes Flourish at Off-Broadstreet

Those Little Sisters of Hoboken just keep right on singing, dancing, and telling jokes twenty years after the musical comedy *Nunsense* became a big off-Broadway hit. The original show has been produced around the world and has inspired the writer-composer-lyricist Dan Goggin to create a slew of spin-offs: *Nunsense 2: the Second Coming*; *Nunsense 3: the Jamboree*; *Nunsense A-Men!*; *Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical*; the most recent *Nunsensations: The Nunsense Vegas Revue*; and, currently at Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell, his 2002 creation *Meshuggah-Nuns!*: the Ecumenical *Nunsense*.

There seems to be no limit to the potential musical comedy material here and no limit to the desire of audiences to enjoy the humor, songs and wild antics of these Marx Brothers from the convent.

Mr. Goggin continues to concoct outlandish situations as backdrop for these crowd-pleasing shows. There's not much plot, no big concepts, no lavish spectacle, and no intellectual activity required — only the most implausible pretext to put these characters together in a situation where they can perform their music, dance, and comedy.

Meshuggah-Nuns!, playing through August 20 under the able direction of Robert Thick, puts the fun-loving showbiz nuns on a cruise ship, the S.S. Golden Delicious, on the "Faiths of All Nations Cruise," where the scheduled entertainment, a performing company of *Fiddler on the Roof*, has conveniently fallen ill to sea sickness. The nuns must step in to assist the actor playing Tevye (Mr. Thick) and put on an impromptu show. The result is a hilarious collision of Catholic and Jewish language, behavior, values, and understanding.

Mr. Goggin as writer-composer and Mr. Thick as director, producer, and leading performer share a keen dramatic sense of how to keep their audiences laughing and entertained. The score is tuneful, the lyrics are clever, and the dialogue is bursting with Jewish jokes, Catholic jokes and puns. The Off-Broadstreet Company makes the most of this material with its impressive musical skills, deft comic timing in word and action, and ability to involve the audience directly and indirectly in the proceedings. There are plenty of opportunities for audience participation — singing along, clapping and a magic show where volunteers are actually invited on stage and receive prizes — and the more silly, implausible, and mindless the shenanigans of this Jewish-Roman Catholic collaboration, the more the audience seems to enjoy itself.

The five seasoned performers are all strong, vocally and dramatically, and Mr. Thick has directed adroitly to keep the comedy sharp, the action clear and the pace brisk. A three-piece band — Don Lebennitt on reeds, Jon Cooper on percussion, and Kenneth P. Howard directing from the keyboard — provides a polished, professional and finely balanced accompaniment to the singers and the action. "Meshuggah" (a Yiddish word meaning "crazy") is indeed an appropriate description for what happens when the wacky humor of these four sisters of the cloth combines an array of Catholic jokes with some first-rate Borscht Belt Jewish humor.

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The four nuns and Howard (Tevye) quickly find their common theme in the first act number "Contrition," a spoof on "Tradition" from *Fiddler* and a humorous song-and-dance commentary on how guilt rules both religions.

Other first-act highlights include Howard's teaching the Reverend Mother (Lillian Israel) to "Say It in Yiddish" ("when an English word won't do"); Sister Amnesia (Angela Sytko), backed up harmoniously by Sister Hubert (Lauren K. Brader) and Sister Robert Anne (Michelle Russell), pursuing a career in country music with the tuneful "My Ship" ("I may have missed the boat, but my ship keeps coming in."); Howard's response in teaching the three younger nuns "The Potchky Polka," a klezmer song-and-dance number concerning the

virtues of procrastination; the Reverend Mother's lavishly costumed spoof of Sophie Tucker, "My Fat Is My Fortune" — complete with glittery dresses and extravagant feathered hats and boas, all worn over the traditional nuns' habits; and an over-the-top, act-one finale that tunefully mocks every nautical disaster movie ever created.

And what shenanigans could Mr. Goggin and Mr. Thick possibly have left for act two? Plenty. Ms. Russell and Mr. Thick briefly change the tone with a moving romantic ballad, "A Love Like This," as he recalls falling in love with his wife as she reflects on her relationship with her God and her religion. The parody then comes fast and furious, with "If I Were a Catholic" and "Fiddlerspiel" taking off on *Fiddler on the Roof*, "Matzo, Matzo Man" providing a colorful spoof of the Village People, and Sister's Amnesia's irreverent puppet (Sister Mary Annette) presenting a hilarious takeoff on Mae West, "Come Up and See Me Sometime." Howard and the Reverend Mother deliver a comical interlude with their presentation of the duty free cart, featuring an abundance of puns (e.g. "cheeses of Nazareth"), alcohol jokes, and Jewish mother shhtick. Ms. Russell again displays her extraordinary vocal talents with a hot gospel number, "I'll Find a Song," and the show wraps up with the production number "Rock the Boat," one more exhortation to laughter and high spirits: "You've gotta make waves . . . You gotta rock the boat before you can laugh."

Costumes by Ann Raymond contribute a wild array of aptly eccentric accoutrements superimposed on the nuns' habits. Mr. Thick's brightly colorful shipboard set design, with aptly placed portholes and life preservers, serves the action well and the atmosphere here. Choreography by Julie Thick is fluid and effective.

The *Nunsense* phenomenon all started more than twenty years ago when friends gave Mr. Goggin a nun's habit and a mannequin as a joke. He started creating comical greeting card photos, one of which pictured the mannequin nun on a motorcycle with the message: "Hell, You're No Angel." Mr. Goggin took the greeting card jokes one step further and created a nun-themed cabaret show in 1983. *Nunsense* grew out of that cabaret show, and the singing and dancing nuns with their comedy routines have been building momentum ever since. Bob Thick and his first-rate ensemble carry on this meshuggah tradition with flair. Off-Broadstreet's *Meshuggah-Nuns!* is a hot ticket. Reserve early.

—Donald Gilpin



SAY IT IN YIDDISH: "Tevye," aka Howard (Robert Thick), teaches the Reverend Mother (Lillian Israel) colorful Yiddish expressions ("No one will expect it from a nun."), as Judaism, Catholicism and show biz come together to hilarious effect in the musical comedy *Meshuggah-Nuns!*, playing at Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell through August 20.

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Meshuggah-Nuns! will play at Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell through August 20, with performances at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Desserts are served from one hour before curtain time. For information call (609) 466-2766.

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On Monday, August 1, Stanley Szalewicz will lead the audience in a hymn sing entitled *Hymns Written and Composed By and About Women*.

A native of Oil City, Pa., Mr. Szalewicz has played the organ for Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian congregations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, and New Jersey for 35 years. He holds a master of arts degree in organ performance from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a master of library science degree with specialization in music librarianship from Indiana University. He was appointed assistant professor-librarian at Westminster Choir College in May 2001. In addition to his work at Westminster, he is organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Plainsboro and assistant organist at St. Paul's Church in Princeton.

The recital on Wednesday, August 3 by cellist Anthony Kitai and pianist Shannon Hesse has been cancelled due to illness.

On Thursday, August 4, soprano Nancy Froysland Hoerl, accompanied by Frank Abrahams will present their annual Broadway recital. Entitled *Women I've Been Or Wanna Be*, the evening will feature songs performed by characters that Ms. Hoerl has portrayed or would like to portray. It will include her favorite songs from *Camelot*, *Showboat*, *Most Happy Fella*, *The Fantastiks*, *The Music Man*, *My Fair Lady*, *West Side Story*, *Wonderful Town*, *Fanny*, and *Peter Pan*.

Ms. Hoerl has performed in Europe, the United States, and the United Kingdom. She has

performed leading opera and operetta roles in Austria, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware, and regularly appears with the Westminster Community Orchestra. She can also be heard on recordings as a backup vocalist for the late jazz trumpeter Art Farmer. She presented a recital in Paris as part of the Atelier Concert Series and was the featured soloist at the Moramus Singers Mozart Festival in Barbados in June, 2001. She has taught at Westminster Conservatory since 1992.

Mr. Abrahams is professor of music education and chair of the music education department at Westminster. A native of Philadelphia, he holds degrees from Temple University and New England Conservatory. He is the founder of the Westminster Music Theatre Workshop, a summer program for high school actors to meet local artists and listen and sing held on the music from area bands.

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Westminster Auditioning For "Falsettos," "The Wiz"

The Actors Company, the resident theater company at Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College, will hold open auditions on Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. for its productions of *Falsettos* and *The Wiz*.

There are openings available for male and female adults 18 and over, and for boys who look 11 years of age. Auditioners will be asked to sing a music theater song, and may also be asked to read from a script.

The auditions will be held in the Cottage, Room 1, on the Westminster Choir College campus at Hamilton Avenue and Walnut Lane.

Falsettos will be staged from September 23 through October 2 in Princeton and New York City. *The Wiz* will be staged December 17 and 18 in Princeton.

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OPERA AT THE LIBRARY: During last week's New Jersey Opera Theatre summer preview, a trio from "The Marriage of Figaro" was performed by (from left): Amy Butterworth as the Countess, Kristen Leich as Cherubino, and Anton Belov as the Count.

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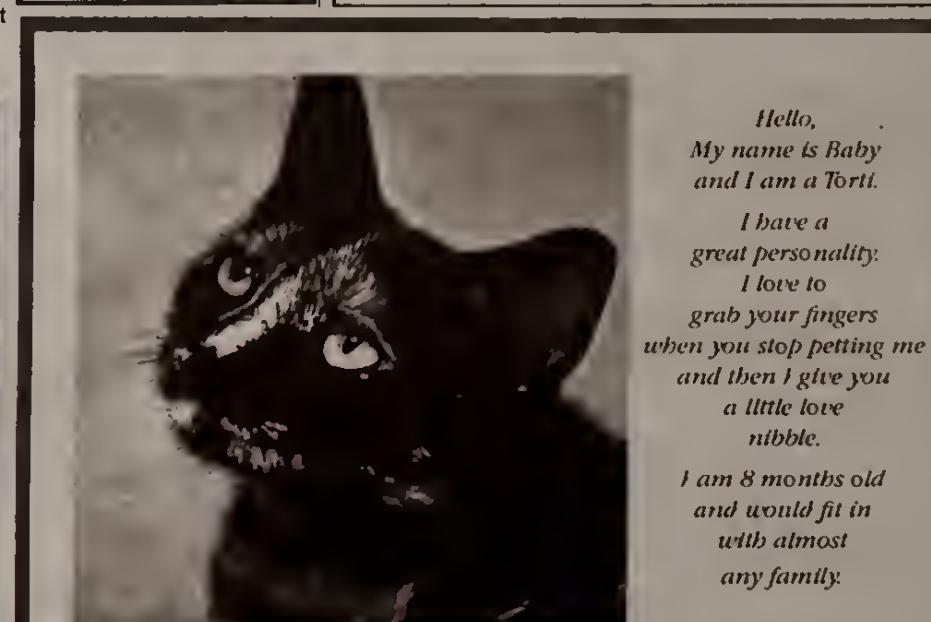


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CINEMA REVIEW

*The Island***Michael Bay Shifts Gears in Sophisticated Science Fiction Adventure**

The name Michael Bay conjures up images of action filled summer spectacles, with mammoth detonations in outer space, panoramic battle sequences, or chase scenes with cars careening off cliffs. The director's resume is filled with special effects extravaganzas such as *Armageddon*, *The Rock*, *Bud Boys 1 & 2*, and *Pearl Harbor*.

The Island is a departure for Bay, because the film places as great an emphasis on the plotline as it does on pyrotechnics. The picture is based on a short story by Caspian Tredwell-Owen originally set in the late 21st century, however, the screen version takes place in the future about 15 or 20 years from now.

The tale opens in a self-contained, sterile complex, inhabited by hundreds of child-like, identically dressed adults who wait patiently to learn whether they've won the latest lottery. The "winners" of this contest are relocated to the world's only pathogen-free zone capable of supporting human life after an event occurred which almost wiped out the Earth's population.

According to the explanation circulated by their benefactors, an ecological disaster killed everyone on Earth except those in this antiseptic environment and those lucky enough to be sent to a safe oasis referred to as "The Island." So, other than praying to be picked to participate in the repopulation of the planet, there's not much left to do but heed the Orwellian advice pumped in soothing tones over the public address system spouting mind control truisms like, "A healthy person is a happy person," "You are very special," and "You want to go to The Island."

Amongst this obedient herd of zombies, Lincoln Six-Echo (Ewan McGregor) and Jordan Two-Delta (Scarlett Johansson) somehow find each other, despite receiving repeated warnings to "Watch your

proximity," since males and females are forbidden to have any tactile contact. The pair forge an emotional bond anyway, and Lincoln's curiosity leads to a shocking discovery which alters their reality irreversibly.

WARNING: Spoilers follow, although the information below is readily discernible from the theatrical trailers and television commercials.

Lincoln has learned that no Island exists, and that he, Jordan, and the other internees are all "pod" people, hatched clones whose organs will be harvested. This well-concealed plot development is divulged about 45 minutes or so into the movie. At this juncture, what had been a brain teaser turns into a typical Michael Bay production.

Lincoln and Jordan escape from the compound only to find themselves in the middle of nowhere, lost in a dusty, godforsaken desert outside of Tucson, Arizona. They make their way to a local bar where they see a familiar face (Steve Buscemi) nursing a beer. The guilt-ridden guard reveals details about the hoax and offers to help, warning them that they are in grave

danger and must flee for their lives.

A posse led by Albert Laurent (Djimon Hounsou) is dispatched to bring them both back, dead or alive, and these bounty hunters are not averse to blowing-up, setting afire, or otherwise decimating anyone or anything that gets in their way. Once *The Island* gets in high gear, the pace of this roller coaster ride becomes too furious to remember that it all started out as an adventure addressing some pertinent ethical issues about the pitfalls of stem cell research, cloning, and bio-genetics.

When it's all over, you wonder what happened to the film you started out watching. Supporting cast includes Michael Clarke Duncan who has a cameo role as the black guy who is always the first person to die in a scary science fiction movie.

Excellent (★★★½). Rating: PG-13 for profanity, intense action sequences, and sexuality. Running time: 127 minutes. Studio: Dreamworks Pictures.

—Kam Williams



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Batman Begins (PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and mature themes). Christian Bale is the latest incarnation of the Caped Crusader in this prequel which retraces how, as an orphaned young lad, Bruce Wayne abandoned Gotham City to study martial arts in Asia, returning to defend the metropolis as his crime-fighting alter ego. Expanded cast includes Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Katie Holmes, Liam Neeson, Ken Watabe, Gary Oldman, Tom Wilkinson, and Rutger Hauer.

The Beat That My Heart Skipped (Unrated). This remake of James Toback's cult classic *Fingers* (1978) revolves around a 28 year-old Parisian who would prefer to pursue his dream of becoming a concert pianist rather than follow in his shady father's footsteps. In French, Mandarin, Russian, and English with subtitles.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG for quirky situations, mild epithets, and action sequences). Tim Burton directs this adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's novel of the same name. Freddie Highmore, who was in *Finding Neverland*, plays the impish title character joined by Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka, a role first brought to the movies in 1971 by Gene Wilder.

The Devil Rejects (R for profanity, sadistic violence, drug use, and graphic sexuality). Rob Zombie directs sequel to the *House of 1000 Corpses*. Gruesome mayhem in this road movie about a couple of bloodthirsty gangs engaged in a fight to the death.

Fantastic Four (PG-13 for suggestive content and action sequences). Live-action adaptation of the Marvel Comics classic about a team of astronauts who develop superhuman powers after exposure to cosmic radiation. Julian McMahon as the diabolical Doctor Doom squares off against Ian Gruffudd as Mr. Fantastic, Michael Chiklis as the Thing, Jessica Alba as the Invisible Woman, and Chris Evans as the Human Torch.

Happy Endings (R for sex, nudity, expletives, and drug use). Comedy set in the world of massage interweaves the dramas of ten characters, each caught up in some sort of relationship crisis. Expanded cast features Tom Arnold, Lisa Kudrow, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jesse Bradford, Laura Dern, Ray Liotta, and Edward Furlong.

Heights (R for profanity, nudity, and sexuality). New York City serves as the backdrop for this serendipitous ensemble drama about the intersection of five lives over the course of a most eventful 24-hour period. With Glenn Close, Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden, George Segal, and Isabella Rossellini.

Hustle & Flaw (R for violence, pervasive profanity, and sex and drug references). Memphis melodrama features Terrence Howard as a struggling pimp who turns to friends for help in making a fresh start as a rapper. With Anthony Anderson, Elise Neal, Ludacris, Taraji Henson and DJ Qualls.

The Island (PG-13 for profanity, intense action sequences, and some sexuality). Special effects expert Michael Bay directs this thought-provoking, post-apocalyptic, sci-fi adventure about the inhabitants of a carefully-controlled, self-contained environment eager to escape to a utopia which promises to be the last uncontaminated spot on Earth. The cast includes Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Michael Clarke Duncan, Djimon Hounsou and Steve Buscemi.

Madagascar (PG for crude humor, mild epithets, and mature themes). Animated family adventure about four animals raised in captivity at New York's Central Park Zoo who escape but end up crated and carted off to Africa where they have to fend for themselves in the wild. Starring Ben Stiller as a lion, Chris Rock as a zebra, David Schwimmer as a giraffe, and Jada Pinkett-Smith as a pregnant hippopotamus. Supporting voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer and Andy Richter.

Mad Hot Ballroom (PG for mature themes). Dance documentary retraces the inspirational rise of eleven year-old New York City public school kids from humble circumstances who master the tango, fox trot, rumba, swing, and merengue in preparation for the annual, citywide competition.

March of the Penguins (G). Ornithological documentary follows a flock of penguins for a year, focusing on one pair of birds in particular, during their annual migration across the Antarctic.

Me and You and Everyone We Know (R for profanity and disturbing sexual themes involving children). Newcomer Miranda July writes, directs, and stars in this arresting melodrama about the budding relationship between a struggling artist and a recently-separated shoe salesman (John Hawkes), with a couple of precocious computer-savvy children.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13 for sexual content, expletives, and intense violence). Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie share the title roles in this crime thriller about a seemingly sedate, suburban couple who are unaware that they are both assassins and under contract to kill each other. Support cast includes Vince Vaughn, Angela Bassett, Kerry Washington, and Keith David.

Must Love Dogs (PG-13 for sexual content). Romantic comedy, based on the Claire Cook novel of the same name, about a divorced pre-school teacher (Diane Lane) who answers a man's personal ad looking for a woman who shares his love of canines. The cast includes Stockard Channing, Dermot Mulroney, and Christopher Plummer.

Sky High (PG for action violence and mild epithets). Disney family-oriented adventure about an underachieving freshman (Michael Angarano) at a high school for future superheroes who finds it hard to live up to the expectations of his parents, celebrated crime-fighters known as The Commander (Kurt Russell) and Jetstream (Kelly Preston).

Stealth (PG-13 for action violence, brief profanity, and sexual innuendo). Jamie Foxx, Jessica Biel, and Josh Lucas team up in this sci-fi thriller as pilots in a top-secret military program who seek to prevent an out of control computer with artificial intelligence from triggering a world war. With Sam Shepard and Joe Morton.

War of the Worlds (PG-13 for disturbing images and frightening sequences of violence). Steven Spielberg directs this remake of the 1953 sci-fi film based on the 1938 radio play narrated by Orson Welles adapted from the original H.G. Wells classic novel about a Martian invasion of Earth. Tom Cruise stars as a dockworker struggling to save his family. Cast includes Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Tim Robbins, and Gene Barry.

Wedding Crashers (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn star in this over the top comedy as divorce mediators who devote their weekends to attending weddings in search of women. Tension arises when one of them falls for the daughter (Rachel McAdams) of an eccentric politician (Christopher Walken). Cast includes Will Ferrell and Jane Seymour.

Yes (R for sex and expletives). Romance drama about the passionate, transcontinental love affair between a married, Irish-American molecular biologist (Joan Allen) and an Arab doctor-turned-chef (Simon Abkarian) from Beirut, Lebanon.

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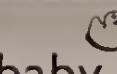
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The Island (PG-13): Fri.-Thurs., 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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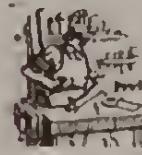
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Former Tiger Star Lawrence Sticks with Program, Breaks Through With U.S. National Title in Epee

Maya Lawrence got off to a slow start when she joined the Princeton University women's fencing team as a freshman in 1998.

Having competed mainly on the state and local level in her high school career in Teaneck, Lawrence quickly found that she was in over her head matched against college foes, many of whom had experience in national competitions.

After a distressing loss to Penn State in that freshman season, Lawrence met with Tiger head coach Michel Sebastianiani for some soul searching. During that session, Sebastianiani told Lawrence that she could be a champion if she agreed to put in some extra work in a rigorous training regimen that combined conditioning and heavy doses of fencing fundamentals.

Lawrence accepted that proposal and proved to be a precocious student. She went on to win the Ivy League and Junior Olympics titles in the epee in the spring of her freshman year.



STICKING WITH THE PROGRAM: Former Princeton University fencing star Maya Lawrence, left, and Tiger fencing coach Michel Sebastianiani celebrate earlier this month after Lawrence won the U.S. National title in the epee in the competition held in Sacramento. Lawrence, a 2002 Princeton alum, has continued to train with Sebastianiani on a weekly basis at his Cercle D'Escrime de Princeton/Sebastiani Fencing Academy. It was the first U.S. crown for Lawrence, whose triumph qualified her to compete in the World University games this August in Izmir, Turkey and the World Championships in Leipzig, Germany in October.

Earlier this month, Lawrence took a key step in her development into a world class fencer as she won the U.S. National title in the epee in the competition held in Sacramento.

In reflecting on her national title, Lawrence acknowledged that her college teammates played a vital role in her ascension up the fencing ladder.

"It was difficult but the squad was very supportive," recalled Lawrence, a 2002 Princeton graduate who is winding up graduate studies next month at the Teachers College of Columbia University. "A lot of the people on the team had been in United States Fencing Association (USFA) competitions and they gave me a lot of advice. It really helped me to practice with them."

Of course, it also helped to have Coach Sebastianiani in her corner. "He was constantly reassuring me about my ability," said Lawrence, who is still being trained by Sebastianiani through weekly commutes from New York City to his Cercle D'Escrime de Princeton/Sebastiani Fencing Academy.

"His program for me was a lot tougher than anything I had been used to. There was a lot of conditioning and cross training in addition to the lessons on fencing technique. I enjoyed the structure of it. He also helped me with metaphors and images. He was in the French military for a long time and he helped me to see things from a different perspective."

It didn't take long for Lawrence to thrive, utilizing that new structure and perspective. "At first I didn't think it was working but then I started winning matches," said Lawrence, who went on to win the epee title at the Pan Am Games in 1999 as a sophomore.

"When I won the Junior Olympics, it seemed strange. I was in shock for a couple of weeks. I was thinking why had these people let me beat them but I started to realize that I was good."

Sebastianiani, for his part, realized that he had something special on his hands in Lawrence. "She is extremely serious and very dedicated," asserted the veteran coach who will be retiring from

Princeton after the 2005-06 season, his 25th at the helm of the Tiger men's and women's fencing programs.

"I designed a program specifically for her. It was a very heavy program, she had to work hard on a daily basis. There was lots of running, weight lifting, study of fencing technique, and psychology. She listens well, I think she has taken in every word I've told her over the last six years."

Being a good listener to Sebastianiani's instructions in Sacramento helped Lawrence take the national title. "She is too polite and shy, that is why she hadn't won yet," said Sebastianiani, noting that Lawrence had been second and third in recent U.S. national competitions. "I was screaming at her next to the mat, 'don't go back, don't go back.' She did extremely well."

Lawrence acknowledged that aggressiveness was a key to her breakthrough in Sacramento. "I saw a tape of my semifinal match and I was stepping back too much," said Lawrence.

"I was not as aggressive as I should've been. I felt that on the final day I was fencing at my best. Everything came together. I won by one point in overtime in the final match, I felt so relieved. It was nice to finally do it after coming close before."

In the wake of her win at the Nationals, Lawrence will be competing in the World University games this August in Izmir, Turkey and then in the World Championships in Leipzig, Germany in October.

Lawrence, whose specialization at Columbia was English as a Second Language, believes the competitions fit in well with her plans to teach and train in Europe this fall.

"I'm really excited to finally get to go to the World University Games," maintained Lawrence, who is shooting to make the U.S. team for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

"I had a chance to go before but it was cancelled. I hope to fence well. At the World Championships, I'm going to soak up the



NO RETREAT: Maya Lawrence displays her smile but it was her aggressiveness that paved the way to her recent triumph in the epee at the U.S. National Championships. Lawrence, a former Princeton star who is winding up graduate studies next month at the Teachers College of Columbia University, plans to teach and train in Europe this fall. She is hoping that competing on the international level will help her earn a spot on the U.S. team for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

atmosphere. This is my first one and I'm not going there with a real chance to win. There are a hundred fencers who have been there before. I just want to get the experience and go to the Worlds the next three years before the Olympics."

With the amazing progress that Lawrence has made since her freshman year at Princeton, she could emerge as a force on the international scene over the next three years.

"I've learned that confidence is so important in athletics," asserted Lawrence. "If you have that extra bit of confidence, it can put you over the top. I've learned to adapt to situations. Now if I'm behind in a match, I'll take a timeout and figure out solutions to the problem."

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Larsen to Utilize Army Lax Experience As He Heads Into Ft. Benning Training

As a new cadet at the U.S. Officer Basic Course. Military Academy in West Point in September 2001, Chris Larsen knew that the 9-11 terror attacks were destined to change the course of his Army career.

"It made you think," recalled Larsen, a Princeton resident and former lacrosse star at the Lawrenceville School. "It made you realize that you had to do the job and you weren't going to just be training. Before that, you were training to train others."

Larsen, who went on to earn four letters in lacrosse before graduating from West Point this past May, is starting the job this week as he heads to Fort Benning, Ga. for his

Speaking like the midfielder he was for the Black Knights, Larsen vowed that lacrosse sticks as well as rifles will be part of his training.

"I think five of my lacrosse teammates are going to be at Fort Benning with me," said the 6'2, 210-pound Larsen, who scored a career-high 11 points on seven goals and four assists this spring to help Army go 11-5 and advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"We will be taking our lacrosse sticks with us. We'll get out and throw the ball around a little to blow off some steam."

For Larsen, lacrosse proved

to be a highlight of his Army experience. "Lacrosse was the best part of West Point for me, it made things enjoyable" asserted Larsen, a four-year letterman for the Black Knights. "There are some frustrating things about being at the academy and it was great to go out every afternoon and practice and have some fun."

Larsen grew to love lacrosse during his time at John Witherspoon middle school. "Baseball had been my spring sport but then I started with the YMCA lacrosse program in seventh grade," said Larsen. "I liked lacrosse right away. You got to be physical and you were always getting to do something on the field."

Going on to the Lawrenceville School, Larsen emerged as a star attacker for the Big Red. "I had a really good experience there," said Larsen, who also competed for the Lawrenceville swimming and water polo teams. "We had really good teams. Allan Fitzpatrick was the coach my last two years, he was tough but good. I really committed myself to the sport. I realized I wasn't the greatest athlete so I had to work hard."

By his junior year at Lawrenceville, Larsen had concluded that he wanted to go to one of the service academies.

"I liked the idea that they wanted a well-rounded person, not someone who was just good in academics," said Larsen. "Army showed interest in me as a lacrosse player and I showed interest in them. It worked both ways."

Once at West Point, though, Larsen had to work hard to get on the field for the Black Knights. "I wasn't the number one recruit," said Larsen with a laugh, noting that his task was made harder by going from 180 pounds down to 162 during the six-week "Beast" training new cadets undergo at the beginning of their West Point careers.

"I worked hard on getting bigger. I was up to 215 pounds by my junior year. I knew that I was never going to be a flashy player so I worked on my shot and getting stronger."

Larsen's diligence paid off as he enjoyed a strong 2005 season, making a key contribution as an offensive midfielder. "I felt I had a great senior year," said Larsen, who appeared in just one game as a freshman and later struggled with a stress fracture in his shin during his junior campaign.



AN ARMY OF ONE: Princeton resident and Lawrenceville grad Chris Larsen, right, battles a Joe in a game this spring during his final campaign with the Army lacrosse team. Larsen, a second lieutenant who graduated from West Point in May, is heading to Fort Benning, Ga. this week for his Officer Basic Course. Larsen, a four-year letterman for the Army lacrosse team, will do additional training at the Ranger School and the Airborne School after his 16-week stint at Fort Benning.

"I got on the field a lot, I really savored it. We had 15 seniors on the team that were really close. It was great to go out with those guys."

In the process, Larsen gained some valuable lessons. "I learned that you had to work hard on what you are good at and maximize your strengths," maintained Larsen.

"I also learned to lead on the field and help the younger guys. In the middle of the winter when it's 22 below with the wind, some people may not want to go out and play. You have to be tough and get guys to play hard no matter what the conditions are."

Larsen is eager to apply those lessons as he starts his military life after West Point.

"I'm ready to start something new," said Larsen, a second lieutenant who has chosen to serve in the infantry branch of the Army. "I need to get used to real army life where nobody is watching over you to make sure that you do things right."

In Larsen's view, being in the infantry is the best way to make things go right when and if he gets sent to the war in Iraq.

"I chose the infantry because I want to be one of the guys who is right there,"

added Larsen, who will do additional training at the Ranger School and the Airborne School after his 16-week stint at Fort Benning. "I want to be with the best guys and to be trained for what I am doing."

After going through a lot of battles with the guys on the Army lax team, Larsen should be well prepared for the challenges ahead.

—Bill Alden

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KNIGHT MOVE: Princeton resident Chris Larsen goes to goal this past spring in his senior season with the Army lacrosse team. Larsen, a former Lawrenceville School standout, scored a career-high 11 points on seven goals and four assists this year to help the Black Knights to an 11-5 record.

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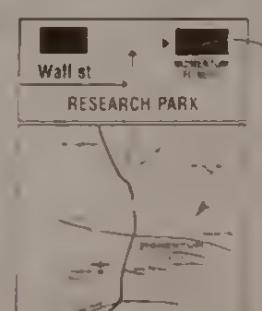
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METRO EXPRESS: Princeton-Cranbury Senior Babe Ruth pitcher Bryce Metro puts his all into the delivery on his way to a complete-game shutout in P-C's 4-0 win over Hopewell last Thursday. P-C, which improved to 6-4 with the victory, plays Western Monmouth on July 28 at Hilltop before playing Lawrence on August 2 at Eggerts Crossing.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Sizzling Princeton Senior Babe Ruth Blanks Hopewell for 5th Win in a Row

Scott Goldsmith has gone outside the box to get the last wiffle ball game he was most out of the players he hitting like a machine," explained Goldsmith. "At our coaches on the Princeton-Cranbury Senior Babe Ruth wiffle ball games has carried over into game action as Von

Goldsmith certainly utilized an unorthodox approach in getting Richie Von der Schmidt hit a key double in Princeton-Cranbury's 11-3 win over Trenton and then Schmidt's bat on fire. "We cracked a two-run homer last Thursday as P-C blanked Hopewell Babe Ruth 4-0 to have been playing wiffle ball here and there at his house and working on his stance," extend its winning streak to

five and improve to 6-4 on the summer. Richie's offensive contribution has been nothing but rewarding," added Goldsmith. "He has not only been hitting the long ball but he's getting RBIs in situations that matter."

Another P-C player who has been coming through in key situations is pitcher Bryce Metro, who went the distance

in earning the shutout against Hopewell. "Bryce was outstanding in that effort," asserted Goldsmith, whose club has climbed to third place thanks to its torrid play late.

"I've been coaching Bryce since he has been 12 and I can count on him to go the whole game and be strong throughout the game. He seems to get in the groove as the game goes on better than any pitcher I know. He stays ahead in the count and gets the strikeouts that matter."

During the club's hot streak, the team has shown a collective ability to do the things that matter when it comes to playing winning baseball.

"Our mindset since the beginning of the year has changed in that we know now that we can play competitive baseball and stay in the game all seven innings," said Goldsmith. "The players believe if they hit the ball well, we will win the game. It has been nothing but fun for the team and our fans. Everybody has been playing and showing what they can do."

The club is getting good play all over the field. "Our two catchers, Matt Gerard and Chris Florentini have stepped up," maintained Goldsmith.

"They have both done a great job defensively behind home plate. Matt has also had his fair share of RBIs when he's not catching and playing at the DH spot. Tyler Distasio has been clutch at both the DH spot and in right field. He has been amazing on the base path along with Erik Cooper, who is leading the team in stolen bases."

Goldsmith is hoping his team can maintain the focus it has displayed over the last few weeks. "I'm not concerned with us being overconfident but I am concerned about the players getting lazy," said Goldsmith, whose club plays Western Monmouth on July 28 at Hilltop before playing Lawrence on August 2 at Eggerts Crossing.

"When we play teams we know we should beat, we don't get overconfident but some of our routines are not at 100 percent. We need to make sure that we stay into games all the way through."

If his players can stick to their routines, P-C could be looking at a big finish. "We are on a great streak and we hope to finish the season on a high note," added Goldsmith.

"We want to bring the same intensity into the playoffs and hopefully make it to the championship. Right now, we feel we are the team to beat."

—Bill Alden



FEELING RICH: Princeton-Cranbury Senior Babe Ruth star Richie Von der Schmidt launches a two-run homer last Thursday to help P-C to a 4-0 win over Hopewell. The win was the fifth straight for Princeton, which is now in third place in the nine-team league.

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125800 Princeton Patriots Show Their True Colors In Winning East Brunswick Slugfest Event

Getting off to a 0-2 start last week in the East Brunswick Summer Slugfest All-Star Tournament, the Princeton Patriots seemed headed for an early exit from the competition.

Shaking off those early setbacks, the Princeton 11-year-old squad won their next two contests to advance to the semifinals of the six-team tournament.

In the semifinal round, the Patriots produced a dramatic 6-5 win over Monroe in extra innings. Princeton built a 5-1 lead only to see Monroe knot the score at 5-5. The Patriots responded by pushing across a run in the seventh to earn a spot in the championship game.

The Patriots hit their stride in the title game against host East Brunswick. Princeton built an early 11-0 lead, powered by a grand slam homer by Brett Bonn and clutch hitting by Ra'Shon Carr. Princeton cruised to a 13-8 win as Bonn, Nathan Ash, and Mike Dunlap shared the pitching duties.

For Princeton manager Paul Horan, the triumph was meaningful on several levels. "It was the culmination of a lot of effort by the players and their parents," said Horan, noting that the program's best result this summer before last week had been a second place finish in the Parsippany tournament.

"It felt like all the hard work of everyone involved had paid off. I think the kids saw the importance of hard work and focus and the joy you get from performing at your best."

The happiness that comes from full effort is at the heart of the Patriots team, a year-round program that started last fall. "We recognized that baseball enrollment in the Princeton area is down; we're losing kids to lacrosse and other sports," said Horan, in explaining why the Patriots were founded.

"We wanted to get a motivated group and try to do something in a travel environment. We wanted to up the level of competition for these kids. We wanted to bring systematic instruction to these kids to help them develop better baseball technique and mechanics. The approach cen-

ters on 'I-P-C,' instruction, practice, and competition."

The Patriots typically hold practices twice a week, using the fields at Grover Park, Community Park, and Smoyer. The program played about a dozen games last fall and ended up playing 25 games in its spring slate. This summer, the club has a 7-11 record and will end the season by taking part in the West End tournament starting on July 29.

In Horan's view, the players have thrived on their more intense dose of the game. "They've adapted, they've become much more accomplished," said Horan, noting that Phil Pecora and Clay Alter have emerged as solid pitchers while Mike Manley and Beau Horan have starred in the infield and Josh Berger and Dan Shaughnessy have been steady all-around performers.

This fall, the Patriots will take the plunge in "S0-70" baseball which plays on fields that are slightly bigger than the standard Little League

dimensions with the distance between home plate and the pitcher's mound being extended five feet to 50 feet and the distance between the bases extended from 60 feet to 70 feet.

From his vantage point, Horan hopes the kids will learn lessons that will extend beyond baseball. "We want the kids to learn the value of striving for excellence," asserted Horan, who also helps coach the Princeton Post 218 team in the Mercer County American Legion League. "The focus that engenders should help them build character for the other things they do in life."

The Patriots demonstrated plenty of character as they broke through for their title at the East Brunswick Slugfest.

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PATRIOTS' GAME: Members of the Princeton Patriots display the spoils of victory after winning the East Brunswick Summer Slugfest All-Star Tournament last week. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Clay Censis, Dan Shaughnessy, Ra'Shon Carr, Phil Pecora, and Brett Bonn. In the middle row, from left, are Mike Dunlap, Josh Berger, Tyler Barton, Beau Horan, Clay Alter, Nate Ash and Mike Manley. In the back row, from left, are Coaches Mike Dunlap, Gordon Alter, John Pecora, and Manager Paul Horan. Not pictured are James Bunn and Coach Kevin Manley.

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Simkus Provides Experience, Inside Punch To Help SMB Advance in Hoops Playoffs

Rich Simkus knew he would be in pain afterwards but that wasn't going to stop him from playing last Monday night in the opening round of the playoffs in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league.

"My knees are saying no, my wife and kids are saying no but I'll put up with the

pain," said a laughing Simkus, a star for the Princeton University basketball team in the early 1980s who has been playing in the Rec Department league for the last 15 summers or so. "It's a 10-game season. Tomorrow, I'll be hurting; my knees will be killing me."

The pain in Simkus' knees

may be lessened a bit, though, as he savors how he helped his sixth-seeded SMB team rally to upset third-seeded Weidel 5-stars 46-38 at the Community Park courts to advance to the league semifinals this Friday.

In other games last Monday, 7th seeded Hoagie Haven routed 10th-seeded Whole Foods 57-25 as Kareem Boswell poured in 28 points while eighth-seeded Where2Ball.com topped ninth-seeded Dr. Palmer/Princeton Orthopedics 56-40 paced by a 16-point effort from Kevin Holden.

In quarterfinal action this Wednesday, fourth-seeded Upper Makefield will play fifth-seeded The Cafe/Change Clothes while top-seeded and unbeaten Merrill Lynch faces Where2Ball and second-seeded George's Roasters battles Hoagie Haven. The winner of the latter contest will face SMB in the semis while the winners in the other two games Wednesday will clash in the semifinals.

As Simkus reflected on his team's comeback which saw it rally from a 28-20 halftime deficit, he asserted that his SMB team wasn't overly fazed by its sluggish start.

"They came out with a lot of bravado and a lot of noise," said Simkus, who contributed six points and several key blocked shots and rebounds to the SMB cause.

"We were down by nine points after 90 seconds so we played them even for the rest of the first half. They just got so many loose balls and second opportunities."

The SMB squad utilized its experience as it patiently fought back. "We chipped away, the old guys have some smarts," said Simkus, a 1983 Princeton grad who finished his Tiger career with 98 blocked shots, the third highest total all-time in program history. "I think we had more energy in the second half. It also helped that we made a few shots."

Former College of New Jersey star Derick Grant spearheaded the rally for SMB as he scored a game-high 19 points while Bucknell's Robert Thomas chipped in eight. Weldele was led by Pierre Downing, who scored 15.

Simkus, for his part, knows that SMB isn't looking to him for offense. "I'm good for a few rebounds, a few passes and six fouls," said the towering Simkus, who stands around 6'9. "I pass the ball well. I have a big body, I can block a few shots."

The wily Simkus will be looking to do what he can to help SMB, now 6-4, advance to the league's championship series.

"If we have all of our guys and play with energy, we have as a good a team as anybody," asserted Simkus, who was drafted by the New Jersey Nets after his Princeton career and currently runs an investment consulting business in Lawrenceville.

But no matter how things turn out for SMB, Simkus sees himself coming back for more summer hoops next season.

"I just love playing," said Simkus, who is also an avid golfer. "Ben [Stenz] does a great job with the league. The people come out; it's a good time."

A little knee pain isn't going to keep Simkus from continuing to enjoy that experience.

—Bill Alden



FLYING HIGH: Kyle Brown of Where2Ball.com flies high as he makes a pass in action earlier this season in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league. Last Monday, Brown helped eighth-seeded Where2Ball to a 56-40 win over Dr. Palmer/Princeton Orthopedics in the opening round of the league playoffs. Where2Ball faces top-seeded and unbeaten Merrill Lynch this Wednesday in the league quarterfinals at the Community Park courts.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)



CRUNCH TIME: Jay Curtis, center, of The Cafe/Change Clothes leaps to stop an Upper Makefield player from going to the hoop in regular season contest in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league. The fifth-seeded Cafe will face fourth seeded Upper Makefield this Wednesday in a league quarterfinal match at the Community Park courts. Last summer, the two teams met in the championship series with The Cafe emerging as the champion for the second straight season.

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A third factor is the male growth-stimulating hormone known as "testosterone." Among other things, testosterone promotes muscular growth. On average, women have a fraction of the testosterone as that of men. Although some women will have higher testosterone levels and will develop accordingly, the overwhelming majority of women don't have the requisite hormone levels to build large, bulky muscles. In fact, statistically, it's probably less than one in a million.

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The Princeton Free Wheelers bicycle club is holding its 25th annual Princeton Bicycling Event on August 6. The event features six bike tours ranging from 18 to 100 miles with the rides beginning and ending at Mercer County Community College starting at 7 a.m. that day.

The event is open to anyone who rides a bicycle safely and wears an approved cycling helmet. Services include free parking, rest rooms, emergency help, water, and snack stops. A post-ride lunch including a drinks and dessert is also included in the event.

The registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 16 and under.

For more information, call (609) 882-4739, email infoguy@princetonfreewheelers.com, or log onto www.princetonfreewheelers.com. Forms are also available at local bike shops.

Summer Boys' Hoops Recent Results

In playoff games in the senior division of the Princeton Recreation Department summer boys' basketball league, the Rockets topped the Mavericks 36-30 as Andrew Wang scored 10 points and James Peretzman added eight. Chris Benz had a game-high 12 points in a losing cause with Taariq Parker adding eight.

The Sparks used a balanced attack to cruise by the Mercury 22-10. Bridgette Murray scored eight points for the winners while Sarah Gall added six and Casey Moran chipped in four. Hannah Pace led the Mercury with four.

In action in the junior division, Tennessee topped Rutgers 14-8 with Alyssa Elcone scoring eight points and Molly Rubin adding six. Connecticut beat Georgia 18-6 paced by a stellar effort from Capon added 17. The Nuggets were paced by Chandler Fraser-Pauls with 11 points while Kyle Parsons added eight.

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Fever 19-15, led by a 16-point effort from Rachel Basile. Brooke Sassman scored 11 points to lead the Fever.

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Family Golf Event Set for August 9

The Family Golf Association (FGA) will be holding its annual golf outing on August 9 at Mercer Oaks Golf Course in West Windsor.

The main event is a choice: either 9-hole or 18-hole two-person team scramble with scoring twists that level the playing field for players of all ages and ability levels. The only requirement is that the two-person team is somehow related.

There will be two shotgun starts, one for 18-holers at 12:30 p.m. and the other for the 9-holers at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$45/team for the 9-hole event and \$70/team for the 18-hole event. The fee includes greens fees and an awards dinner with door prizes following play.

In order to obtain an entry form or to get more information, contact Ted Ernst of the Princeton Recreation Department at (609) 921-9480.

Jasna Polana Holding Charity Event August 15

The Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana in Princeton will offer local golfers the opportunity to become "members for a day" on August 15, when it opens its doors — and tee times — to raise funds for two causes.

The club will be charging a fee of \$150 per player which will include green and cart fees, practice balls, and a boxed lunch. Net proceeds will benefit U.S. Troops and their families through Homes For Our Troops (supported by PGA tour player Phill Mickelson), Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (supported by PGA tour player Rory Sabbatini), and the Wounded Warrior Project (supported by PGA tour player Frank Lickliter II), under the umbrella of the Department of Defense's America Supports You (americasupportsyou.mil) program supporting military families and returning members of the Armed Services.

Funds will also benefit the BPJ Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Princeton that funds research and treatment for autistic children. By supporting early diagnosis and one-on-one

rehabilitative efforts, it is the Foundation's goal to gradually enable young children with autism to attend mainstream schooling.

"We are very proud to have the opportunity to assist these worthy causes by welcoming the community to enjoy a day of golf and camaraderie among others who share their love for the game and commitment to philanthropy," said TPC at Jasna Polana General Manager John Buser. "We invite everyone to visit us on this special day to help support those in need here in our community and throughout the country."

Those interested in participating may reserve space by calling the Jasna Polana Golf Shop at (609) 688-2000 or emailing robynelyons@pgatourtpc.com.

The event is sponsored by the Princeton Elks Lodge #2129 and is open to golfers of all ages. This year, the event will feature a "Team Scramble" competition. The tee times are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with free food provided during the golf. After the round, there will be drinks and a prime rib dinner at the Elks Lodge. The dinner will be followed by awards and a drawing for prizes. The event includes the chance to win a car for scoring a hole-in-one on a designated hole at Bunker Hill.

The golf registration fee is \$90 per person. For more information, call John Ballestri at (609) 924-5897, Len Scott at (908) 369-6772, Steve Demko at (609) 359-4349, Dot Moore at (732) 297-2230, or Pete Whisman at (609) 466-0296.

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The club has also scheduled a bus trip to Lancaster, Pa. on Wednesday, November 2 to attend *Holiday Extravaganza* at the American Music Theater. The \$67 cost will include bus fare, show admission, and luncheon at the Good 'n' Plenty Restaurant. For reservations and information call Betty Davison at (609) 924-2302.

Cooking Classes Planned At Whole Foods Market

The Whisk and The Spoon, the learning kitchen of Whole Foods Market Princeton, has announced a new series of cooking classes it describes as "completely hands on." The workshops are designed to give cooks the culinary skills and confidence needed to create great dishes at home.

The store's new culinary instructor will be Chef Erin Carey, who recently moved from Camden, Maine, where she owned and operated Frogwater Cale. She is a graduate of the New England Culinary Institute in Essex Junction, Vt.

To register for a class, visit Whole Foods Market at Windsor Green Shopping Center on Route 1 South or call (609) 799-2919.

The class schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 2, 7 to 9 p.m.: Summer's Bounty. Fee \$25.

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Saturday, August 6, 11 a.m. to noon: Knife Skills 101. Fee \$10.

Tuesday, August 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Cobblers, Bettys, Buckles and Crisps. Fee \$30.

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QUESTION: I have been reading your column for a few years, and finally decided to write and ask you a tough question. Are there any secrets about life that you have learned in counseling others that many never seem to learn? If so, what are they?

ANSWER: You are right. That is a tough question. But, here are 3 secrets, the answers to which seem to elude many.

1. **INSECURITY:** This may be a shock to you, but all people feel insecure. Growing up, I had this image that on the other side of the hill were all these "normal" people, and that when I went through that magic door into adulthood at age 21, I would be like them. Well, I am now 58 and there is no magic door. I have counseled people from all walks of life to whom others often turn for advice: clergy, doctors, lawyers, professors, corporate executives, as well as others who are rich and famous, and they all have one thing in common, they are human! They are just as insecure as you and I. If they honestly admit and face their clay feet, they grow. If they hide behind masks of superiority, making you think that they "have it all together", they don't.

2. **POWER:** Who has the power to define your self-worth? Thinking that love is conditional upon performance, most people nervously give their power away to those from whom they hope to get praise and affirmation: parents, teachers, employers, and spouses. Giving away your power condemns you to always worry about what others think. The secret is to take back your power, and define your own self-worth. OK, so you have some weaknesses, join the club. But, in general, you are probably a nice person. Once you rely upon your own judgment about yourself, it is as if you are wearing a psychological suit of armor. Others can hurt your feelings, but their demeaning criticism can no longer devastate you to the core. Why? Because you, not they, have the power.

3. **SUCCESS:** Most people equate success as attaining something big: a job, title, house, car, bank account, etc. If they do not, they feel like a failure. But, while pursuing achievements is good, it is the "little goal". The "big goal" is how your personality develops along the way. Homer once said, "the journey is the thing". Your job will end with a gold watch, your house will pass to someone else, your car will rust, but your soul will live forever. Who you become is defined by the choices you make in life: to be kind or cruel, loving or manipulative, humble or a snob. Life is a process of creating a work of art: YOU. Your death signals the end of your growth, and the judgment of God is to simply accept your judgment, allowing you to be as you have chosen to be, for all eternity. So, don't get mixed up; the big goal is who you become — the little goal is what you attain. Your Lexus will not fit into the coffin with you, but your soul will.

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SKILLMAN, NJ — For Skillman resident Kathy Santye, the term "sandwich generation" was beginning to feel all too appropriate. Caught between the needs of her three teenage children and an aging mother who lived alone, Mrs. Santye was torn between competing obligations.

Her mother, Helen Curry, lived alone in Pennington. She could no longer drive or prepare meals, and personal care was becoming more difficult.

At the same time, Mrs. Santye's children had their own whirlwind lives, needing to be driven to and from sports games and practices, friends' homes, school commitments and more.

"I was really beginning to feel overwhelmed," Mrs. Santye said. "I was torn between two worlds."

For Mrs. Santye and her mother, Stonebridge at Montgomery's assisted living center presented the ideal solution. Since becoming a resident in January, Mrs. Curry has found renewed vitality in a sociable, activity-filled lifestyle with friends, family and staff members always close at hand.

"She is always playing games, cards, scrabble; she goes to the ecumenical church services and she loves to get books from the Stonebridge library," Mrs. Santye said. Recent on-site entertainment highlights included performances by Irish step dancers and by the Princeton's own American Boychoir.

At the Stonebridge assisted living center, Mrs. Curry and other residents maintain the privacy and independence of their own senior-friendly apartments while benefiting from a range of services



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Reginald S. Robertson

Reginald Stanley Robertson, 85, of Princeton, died July 18 at home, with his daughters Catherine and Janet and granddaughter Emily at his side.

Born in London, England, he lived a full and active life. Following his marriage 57 years ago to his wife, Margaret, the couple emigrated to Canada where they spent five years. On their return to England, Mr. Robertson started a career with Mobil Oil and attended night school in London for eight years, earning a degree in chemistry. He worked for Mobil for 40 years, becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and the American Institute of Chemists.

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three years in Turkey, two years in Singapore, and in 1967 transferred to the United States. They spent several years on Long Island and settled in Princeton in 1971. After Mr. Robertson's retirement, he remained active in his profession. As a consultant, he organized and presented courses and lectures in the U.S. and abroad. He continued friendships and made many new friends with the Socialites Mobil retirement group.

As a young man he was a boy scout, attaining Eagle Scout status. For many years he was a boy scout leader. He was an avid cricketer and tennis player, and continued to play tennis regularly up until last year. A born organizer, he could always be found in the center of action, from church activities and tennis matches to games with his family. He was a committed member of Christ Congregation Church.

He was predeceased by his wife Margaret by three months. He is survived by three children, Paul, Catherine, and Janet; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was July 23 at Christ Congregation Church, with the Rev. Jeffrey Mays officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Centurion Ministries, 221 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08542; or Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton 08540.

Kathryn H. Williams
Kathryn H. Williams, 83, of Lawrenceville, died July 10 at Princeton Care Center.

Born in Newark, she began her formal education in Washington, N.J. public schools. At the age of 13, she moved to Princeton, where she completed her education in Princeton public schools.

She retired from the Hackettstown Board of Education in 1982 and moved to Lawrenceville in 1996.

She was predeceased by her husband, George C. Williams; a son, Vernon G. Williams; and a daughter, Veronica K. Williams. She is survived by a son, Richard of Penns Grove; a daughter, Harriet W. Johnson of Lawrenceville; six grandchildren, including Isaac A. Johnson, with whom she resided; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial was celebrated on July 17 at Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.

Margaret Jane Schmidt
Margaret Jane Schmidt of Blawenburg, formerly of Princeton, died July 23 peacefully, at home.

Born in London, England in 1944, she grew up in North Devon and Bicester.

She studied French literature at Cambridge. She taught English in the Ivory Coast as a volunteer, was a member of the British Civil Service in Wales, then continued her studies in Oxford, married, and settled in Princeton. Her loves were language and literature, music, gardening, and her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Gregory Leopold Schmidt; a daughter, Clare Elizabeth Frances Schmidt; a son, David Christian Leopold Schmidt; and a sister, Rosemary MacLeod of Bicester.

The funeral service was July 25 at Trinity Church, Rocky Hill, with the Rev. Janet Johnson, Vicar, officiating. Burial followed at Blawenburg Cemetery, Blawenburg.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Arthur E. Mittnacht Jr.

Arthur E. Mittnacht Jr., 85, of Pinehurst, N.C., formerly of Princeton, died July 14 of complications arising from leukemia and cerebrovascular and cardiovascular illnesses.

He was a graduate of Kent School, Princeton University, and Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. In addition to his academic accomplishments, he played football and rowed crew at Kent School. At Princeton University he was a letterman in varsity lightweight football and varsity lightweight crew. He was also a member of the Glee Club and The Ivy Club.

During World War II, he served in the United States Navy and later was trained as an orthopedist, becoming certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. Most of his practice years were spent with the Princeton Orthopedic Group.

He met and married his wife Nancy, a medical technician, in 1952, when both were working at the same hospital.

In retirement the Mittnachts moved to Pinehurst, where they resided at the Country Club of North Carolina.

Though retired from active practice, Dr. Mittnacht continued his interest in the field of orthopedics and served as a disability consultant for a number years.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; four children, Arthur E. III of Princeton, John B. of Southern Pines, N.C., Lisa M. Barbour of Summerfield, N.C., and Peter M. of Titusville; a brother, Richard A. of Ocean Ridge, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 6, at 11 a.m. at Princeton University Chapel, to be followed immediately by a reception at the Nassau Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to The Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, P.O. Box 601444, Charlotte, N.C. 28260-1444.

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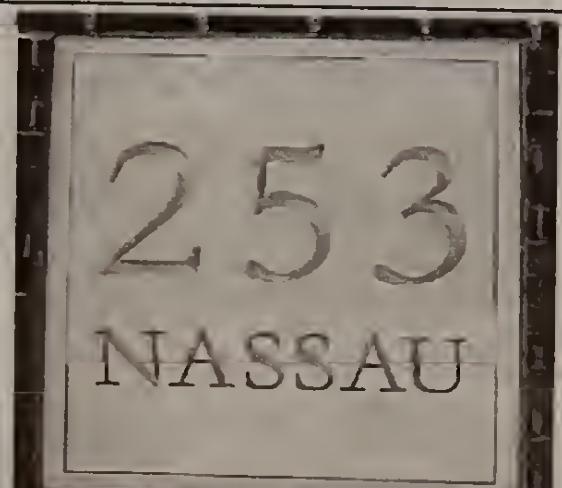
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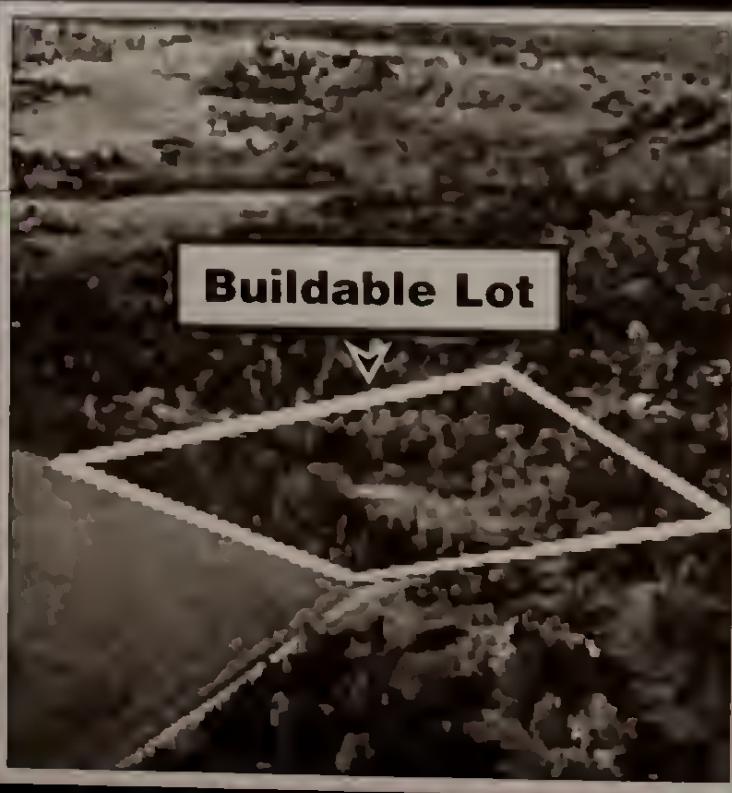
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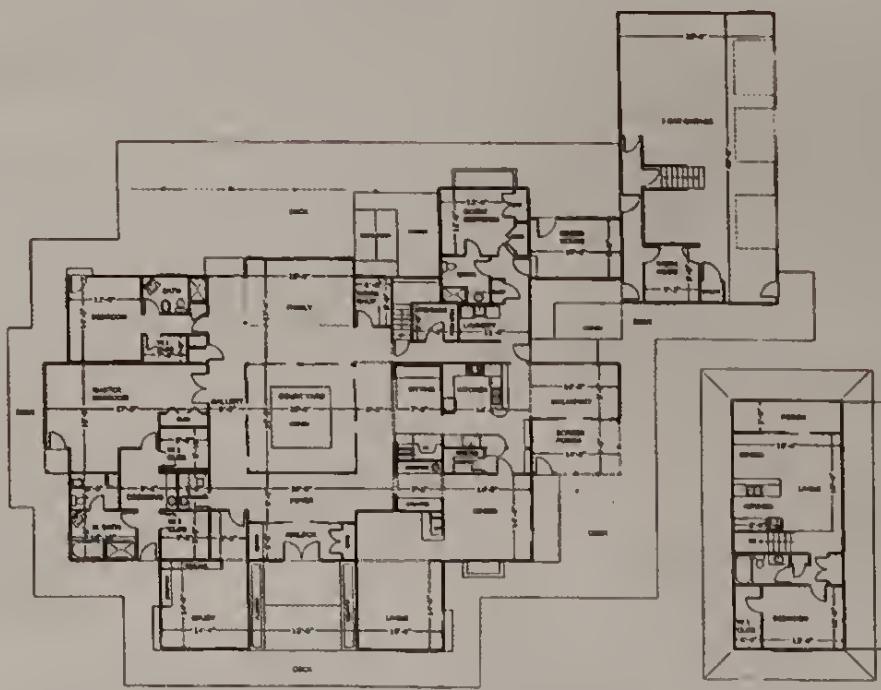
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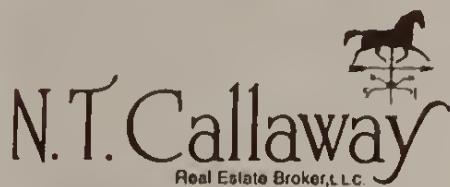
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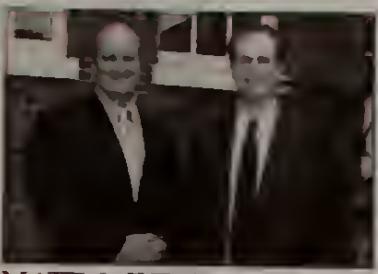


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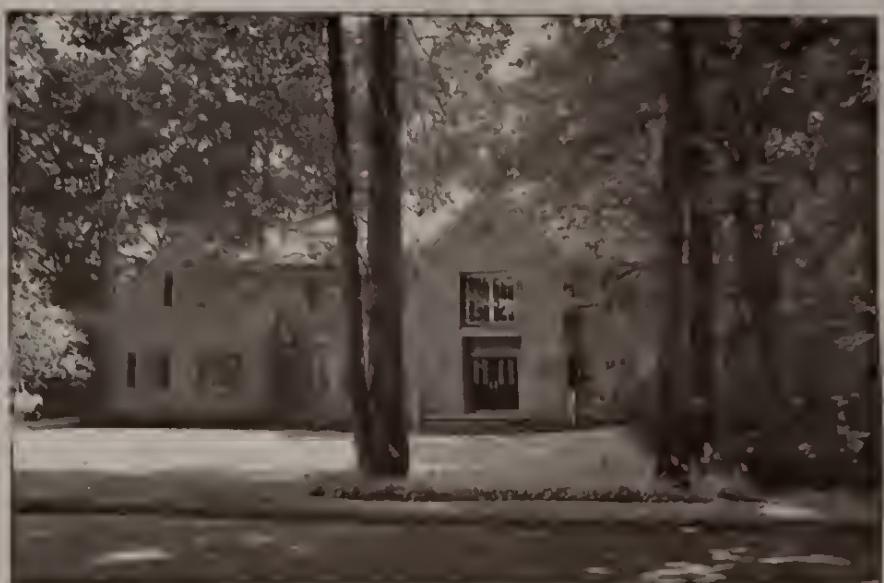


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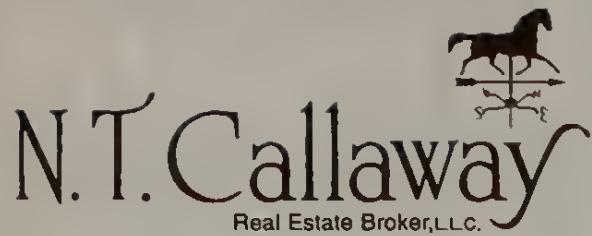
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